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Student, Staff Safety Never Compromised...

Bizzare Gun-Waving At AHS Called Senseless Lack Of Judgement

The suspension of the popular Agawam High School guidance director following a bizarre gun-waving incident at the school has left most educators and School Committee members contacted by *The Advertiser News* using adjectives like "tragic," "mindless," "senseless," and "unbelievable."

Because of the September 30th incident, AHS Guidance Director Alan R. Cohen has been suspended for 30 days without pay by Principal Joseph S. Zabielski. Moreover, Cohen, who serves as the coordinator for guidance in the Agawam Schools, was demoted from that post by his immediate superiors in the School Department, Superintendent of Schools Frank A. Ameruoso and Associate Superintendent for Educational Services Mary A. Czajkowski. Cohen was promoted to that post last September.

Cohen answers to Zabielski as a guidance counselor at AHS and is supervised by Ameruoso and Ms. Czajkowski because of his coordination of guidance services at the other schools.

Also, rookie Agawam Police Officer Andrew A. Parrelli, a Community Policing officer at AHS, was demoted to routine patrols on the third shift.

Virtually everyone contacted by *The AAN* was in deep remorse about the gun incident involving Cohen and Parrelli. Cohen was described as an outstanding guidance counselor who had made a

positive impact on the lives of many students and their families.

No "Cover-Up"

According to Zabielski, there was never a threat to the safety of any student or staff member because of the incident. He added that an investigation by the District Attorney's Office determined no charges should be filed, bearing witness to the fact that the gun-waving did not pose a public safety threat.

"It was quickly determined there was no danger or threat. That is always first and foremost. But the public perception seems to be that our silence since the incident happened was because we were trying to sweep this under the rug. That was the farthest thing from my mind and if parents have this perception, I am sorry for this," said Zabielski.

Zabielski, as well as Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest, vehemently denied any "cover-up" by either the School Department or the police.

"I was not trained for anything like this. I thought the best way to tackle this was by the book and follow the law. I was banned from talking about this until we had followed due process. We didn't want to jump to any conclusions without an investigation," Zabielski said Wednesday afternoon.

Charest added, "Obviously, we wanted to explain what was happening to the public and especially to the parents. But this was a personnel matter and we wanted to make sure we followed the law. We waited for seven or eight reports to come in and then give Mr. Cohen his hearing."

Charest said Cohen, Agawam Education President Andrew Bower, an attorney from the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Zabielski, and School Department Attorney John Teahan gathered for the scheduled hearing on Tuesday afternoon.

The September 30th incident, according to police reports, occurred in the school's Guidance Department when Cohen asked to handle Parrelli's 9MM Smith & Wesson service pistol.

Police Sergeant Wayne Macey, head of the APD's detective bureau, said in a published report that Parrelli emptied the magazine and racked back the clip (effectively unloading the weapon).

The AAN was told that one student was in the office at the time and a second soon entered. The gun was never pointed at the students. One of the students present during the gun-waving related the incident to a teacher during a class, who, in turn, reported what had happened to the school's administration.

SEE GUN-WAVING - Page 8...

Play Me A Tune...



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH MARCHING MOHAWKS prepare to entertain the large gathering who attended the festivities on "Agawam Day at THE BIG E" on Wednesday, September 30th. *Advertiser News* photo by Jack Devine.

"Scaring" Up Donations...



LAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, the Agawam Junior Women's Club sponsored a scarecrow-making program at Fini's Plant Farm, 217 James Street, Feeding Hills, to raise money towards a Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department. This fundraiser also featured hay rides, a corn maze, and a visit from the Fire Department's hook and ladder (pictured above). SEE RELATED PHOTOS IN "FAMILIES." *Advertiser News* photo by Jack Devine.

Company May Appeal Council's Denial For Oil Storage...

Berkshire Power Seeks Ruling On Possible "Conflict" With Councilor

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Two days after Town Council rejected their application to store 500,000 gallons of fuel oil at the Berkshire Power plant, company officials called a press conference charging a town councilor with conflict of interest for even participating in the debate on the issue, let alone voting on it.

Boston Attorney Janis Berry, a former member of the Board of Massachusetts Bar Overseers, said Berkshire Power is asking the Massachusetts Ethics Commission to look into its concerns that a conflict of interest on the part of Councilor Gina M. Letellier may have tainted the process beyond remedy by the Town Council.

Ms. Berry said the company will wait for a ruling from the Ethics Commission before deciding whether to appeal the council's 8-3 vote against the oil storage license in court or at other state agencies. The commission could order another public hearing and vote at Town Council, as well as fines and sanctions if it determines a serious conflict exists. Other solutions include finding that the jurisdiction has been so irretrievably harmed that the council cannot reconsider the vote. Rather, other entities, like the Energy Facilities Siting Board, may have to reconsider the vote.

Geometrically Opposed Ideas

Both Ms. Berry and Councilor Letellier cite provisions of the state law governing the way public officials must conduct themselves if their private interests conflict with their public duties. Not surprisingly, both attorneys have geometrically opposed ideas on the meaning of the law and even which sections of the law apply in this case.

In a memo delivered to town councilors prior to last Monday night's vote, Berkshire Power says that because Councilor Letellier "maintains a financial interest in the activities of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam, and in fact, is presently owed a substantial debt ... for

legal services rendered, her participation in City Council votes and decisions relating to permitting, licensing, or other approvals for the Agawam project appears to be in direct violation of G.L. 268A, section 19," which bars municipal employees from participating in their official capacity in any matter in which they have a financial interest.

In her own memo to the council, Ms. Letellier uses the same law and section to assert, "I do not have a reasonably foreseeable financial interest in the outcome of tonight's proceedings. Whether or not the oil storage permit is granted, the debt owed by the CCBA remains unchanged."

But, Ms. Berry insists, "The law is very clear. Councilor Letellier should not have voted or participated in the process at all."

At issue is an unpaid \$12,000 bill for legal services rendered by Ms. Letellier in 1995 and 1996 while representing the CCBA in court, at the Zoning Board of Appeals, and in Town Council proceedings involving the Berkshire Power project.

In a disclosure statement faxed to the Ethics Commission at 5:45 p.m. the night of the council vote, Ms. Letellier states, "My office is still owed legal fees for that representation. These outstanding fees have in no way influenced my position regarding the oil storage permit application."

Ms. Letellier said she is standing by her statements to the commission and points out that her questions during the public hearing and her action in sending a letter to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company seeking to verify statements made by Berkshire Power and contradicted by plant opponents demonstrates that she did not take statements made by either side at face value. "I don't just take the word of opponents or proponents. I back things up with information I research for myself," Ms. Letellier said.

Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, October 19th

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 9/21/98; Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/5/98.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-98-34- A Resolution Confirming the Appoint. of Kenneth L. Morytko, 14 Beech Hill Rd., F.H., MA for a One Year Term Expiring April 1, 1999 and Christopher N. Sanchez, 16 Day Street, Aga., MA for a Two Year Term Expiring April 1, 2000 to the Agawam Veterans Council (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

- None.

8. Elections

- None.

9. Public Hearings

- None.

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-98-5- An Ordinance to Amend Art. II of Ch. 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled Second Hand Motor Vehicles and to Delete Regulation No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Agawam Town Council (Submitted by the Aga. Twn. Coun. Rules Comm.)(Tabled on 9/21/98)(2nd Reading).

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, October 22, 1998 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of the Town of Agawam for property located on Riverview Avenue.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman

Agawam Conservation Commission

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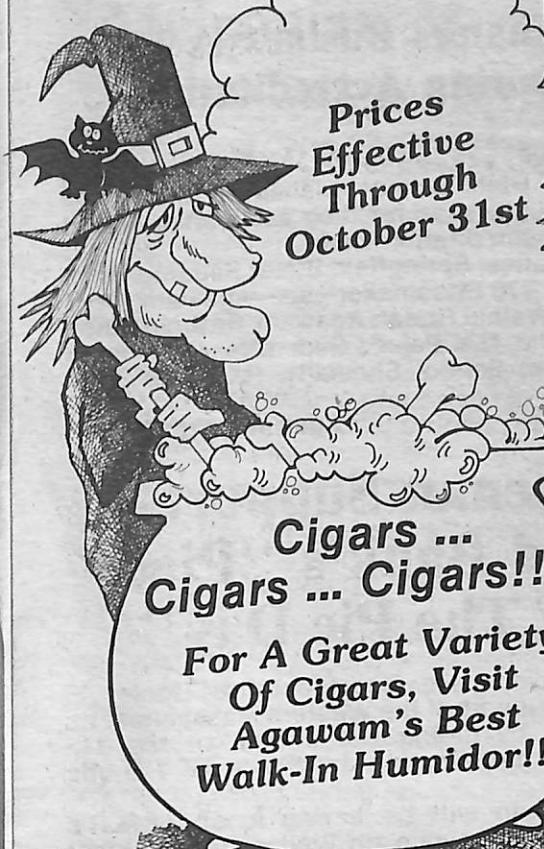
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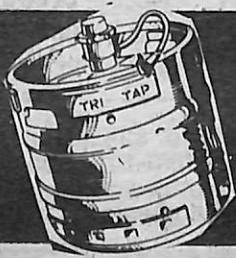
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OCTOBER WINE SPECIALS

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Letters To The Editor

Berkshire Power Has No Concept Of Right And Wrong

To The Editor:

It is an undisputed FACT that Berkshire Power has successfully coerced citizens and local businesses into signing "SILENCE" contracts with them. Most other citizens and businesses are just plain scared to speak out against them.

Now, Berkshire Power is attempting to intimidate our City Council with similar scare tactics. What B.P. is doing to Agawam City Councilor Gina Letellier infuriates me, but it does not surprise me. It is a typical M.O. that they have used in the past.

For instance, if a common citizen refuses their money in exchange for a contract requiring that citizen's silence about the project, then that citizen is accused of extortion. So then, it only stands to reason in Berkshire Power's logic that if a politician doesn't attend their extravagant victory parties or accept gratuities during election time or otherwise, then that politician should be subject to a "conflict of interest" accusation.

If Berkshire Power is our "good neighbor," why is it then that everything they get in Agawam has to hurt someone in one way or another? What they are trying to do to Gina Letellier is without conscience. It is void of feelings.

They have no concept of right and wrong, and they are blinded by their own money and power.

**Michael DelNegro
Agawam**

Beautification Committee Praises Redesign Of AHS

To The Editor:

The Beautification Committee voted to extend congratulations to Mayor Johnson and all those who worked with him for the successful completion of the redesigned High School. As viewed from the street, what was formerly a nondescript building at the other end of a huge, black asphalt parking lot has been transformed into the crown jewel of Agawam's school system.

The High School can now be viewed with pride by all citizens of Agawam as a physical expression of Agawam's commitment to quality education and as a physical symbol of that commitment to its young people. Special recognition is directed to the extra effort made in the handling of the front entrance.

If a jewel to be appreciated must be placed in a proper setting, the new sign (which echoes the lines of the tastefully redesigned new front entrance), plus the new wall and the landscaping which surrounds it all, is precisely the proper setting needed.

Thanks for a job well done.

**John R. Zebryk for the
AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Let's Carefully Examine Three Candidates For Gov.'s Council

To The Editor:

Re: The Governor's Council - Few realize how powerful a role this office plays. People assuming this office can reinforce one's God-given rights, or destroy them. Consider the following issues.

1) PARDONS. The granting of full pardons is a prerogative of the Governor's Council, and ought not be confused with commutation or parole. A pardon, in essence, erases a criminal conviction, and should therefore reinstate all rights forfeited in conviction. For the wrongfully convicted, it therefore restores justice as is its intent.

To suspend the Second Amendment rights of the duly pardoned is therefore cruel and morally wrong. One candidate, however, would do precisely that even if the so-called "offense" of the duly pardoned involved the possession of an innocuous (albeit infamous) plant. Indeed, this candidate would even (apparently) suspend the Second Amendment rights of the duly pardoned, whether their conviction on even the most innocuous of "possession" charges was wrongful or not. I view this as Draconian and immoral.

2) VICTIM'S RIGHTS. A code phrase for the denial or mitigation of due process, the concept of "victim's rights" is widely hailed by those who

would eliminate the rights of people accused and under suspicion. Intended as it is to bias the process, the concept is a broad assault on the Fourteenth Amendment and impartial trial.

To suspend Fourteenth Amendment rights of people but accused, and therefore presumed innocent, is therefore prejudicial and also morally wrong. One candidate, however, would do precisely this as well - via the screening of judicial appointments in accordance with a litmus test of Hanging Judge ideology.

Such intemperate ideological intervention in the judiciary threatens not only due process, but also the system of checks and balances. It could even threaten to reduce our system of justice to something akin to the British Starchamber. This unconscionable assault on civil rights is also Draconian and morally wrong, in my view.

3) When we finally do vote on Election Day, be sure to have studied all three candidates for this office very carefully. We might find at least one of the three to be far too Draconian.

Sincerely,
**Owen Broadhurst
Agawam**

Kasparian Makes Pledges In Campaign For Gov.'s Council

To The Editor:

Former Hampden County Commissioner Abraham Kasparian, Jr. of Agawam early this year obtained the nomination for the Governor's Council by the voters of Western Massachusetts. When elected, the unenrolled/independent candidate, Kasparian has pledged the following:

1. Work to restrict any individuals who have been convicted of violent crimes against persons or property along with any persons engaged in illegal narcotic activity from obtaining restoration of their rights to "ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms" when requesting a pardon from the Governor's Council. The current practice of the Governor's Council does not follow this basic common sense rule. "During the previous year, the Governor's Council re-armed 20 known violent and/or drug-related offenders. Most of the motions were made by Eddie O'Brien," Kasparian said.

2. Kasparian plans on being accessible to the general public by posting weekly scheduled meetings. Kasparian said, "This has never been the practice of the Governor's Council member currently representing the Eighth District. "It is time to bring the government to the people that it represents," Kasparian went on to say.

3. Maintaining an informational Web Site that would service all four counties within the Eighth District of Western Massachusetts and provide the meeting minutes and other Council-related information to the people.

4. Appointing judges that are more concerned about victims' rights than criminals' rights.

5. Kasparian will ensure that the voice of Western Massachusetts is heard in Boston.

Question Number 2, the Clean Election Initiatives, on this year's ballot, was generated to give all qualified candidates an even playing field to get their message and the issues out to the public. Kasparian said, "This is a good start in cleaning up controlled elections in the Commonwealth." Kasparian will seek State Representative Dan Keenan to assist in drafting legislation that amends the election laws that would compel the print media to provide equal coverage to each qualified candidate for all Constitutional offices in the Commonwealth, as the FCC compels electronic media (television and radio) to do.

**The Committee to Elect Abe Kasparian
Agawam**

AHS Thanks Businesses For Help During Accreditation

To The Editor:

Agawam High School wishes to thank the following businesses for their assistance during the recent accreditation visit:

Cecchi Farms, Springfield Street Feeding Hills; Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam; CHH Engraving, Walnut Street, Agawam; Kathryn Beich Inc., Granville, MA; Pajer's Superette, 400 Cooper St., Agawam; School Specialty, P.O. Box 3004, Agawam.

Agawam High School

Keenan Supports Food Bank's "Piece Of The Pie Day"

Please join State Representative Daniel F. Keenan in support of the Western Massachusetts Food Bank by dining out at one of the 118 restaurants participating in "Piece of the Pie Day."

Rep. Keenan will be having lunch at E.B.'s Restaurant in Agawam on Wednesday, October 21st. Also participating in "Piece of the Pie Day" is Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

"If you can not make it to E.B.'s or Fran's Restaurant, please stop at any of the other participating restaurants and support the Food Bank," stated Keenan.

"Piece of the Pie Day" is the Food Bank's largest fundraiser to fight hunger in our communities. Participating restaurants will donate 10 percent of their gross receipts for the entire day to the Food Bank.

The Food Bank rescues food from the food industry that would otherwise go to waste and distributes it to 391 local non-profit programs, such as homeless shelters, food pantries, soup kitchens, day-care centers, and elder sites.

In 1997, the Food Bank distributed over 3.7 million pounds of food that reached 77,500, half of whom were children.

For more information, contact the Food Bank at 1-800-247-9632, or Rep. Keenan at 786-4545.

Rep. Keenan Slates Annual Pasta Dinner

Please join State Representative Dan Keenan for an evening of great food at his annual Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, October 21st at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 12. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door.

Dan looks forward to the dinner and encourages everyone to bring their appetite!

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in, mailed in, or faxed to us on Mondays. Thank you!



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Melconian Moves To Protect Veterans' Ceremonies

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is responding to the number of concerns that veterans' groups have expressed to her over the newly enacted ban on assault weapons, Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998.

As part of its sweeping prohibition on assault weapons, the new law also bars the use of unloaded rifles by veterans' groups in parades, military reenactments, and funeral firing squads.

"Stopping practices which have existed since the founding of the Republic, such as a 21-gun salute at a veteran's funeral, is clearly not the purpose of this legislation," Melconian said. "The Senate is acting quickly to assure that the law does not adversely impact Veteran's Day ceremonies."

The Senate is moving to correct this legislative oversight with a Senate amendment that will allow unloaded rifles (defined to also include rifles loaded with blanks) to be used in drills, parades, military reenactments, or other commemorative ceremonies, color guards, or memorial service firing squads.

This exemption should protect traditional Veteran's Day festivities and future veterans' ceremonies from disruption. The Senate hopes to have the amendment passed by the end of the month.

The amendment also contains some technical corrections to the assault weapon ban, including an exemption for officials licensed to carry arms and a provision maintaining the status quo by continuing to allow veterans to be licensed to carry a firearm without an FID license.

"I have consistently opposed passage of this assault rifle ban," Melconian said. "Its enforcement provisions are not powerful enough and will serve only to disarm law-abiding citizens."

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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Neal With Local Chambers Of Commerce



CONGRESSMAN RICHARD E. NEAL (front row, far right) hosted an economic summit in Washington, D.C. last month for Western and Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce members. The delegation of 50 met for two days on Capitol Hill with a number of senior Clinton Administration officials. Representatives from the Springfield, Worcester, Chicopee, Agawam, Quaboag, and Tri-Community Chambers of Commerce joined Springfield Mayor Mike Albano, Northampton Mayor Mary Ford, and local business leaders at the bi-annual event.



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— Agawam Obituaries —

Philip A. Vecchiarelli

Philip A. Vecchiarelli, 70, of Kellogg Drive, Feeding Hills, an area sportsman, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a 20-year painter for Springfield Technical Community College, and retired eight years ago. He previously was employed by the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Youth Services Board.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1947 graduate of the former Springfield Trade School, where he was a captain of the football team.

He later went on to play semi-pro football with the Springfield Acorns. He was a co-founder of the Dagenais Award, which is presented each year to the most valuable player in the Suburban Football League.

He was a 38-year resident of the Hungry Hill section of Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1966.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and had served as a coach and a member of the Athletic Board.

He also served on the Agawam Democratic Committee.

He leaves his wife, the former Marie LaBelle; five sons, Domenic of Chicopee, Philip of Feeding Hills, and Dean (the head Coach of the Agawam High School varsity football team), David, and Peter of Agawam; a brother, Gaetano of Springfield; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Delmo L. Magagnoli

Delmo L. Magagnoli, 75, of 11 Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills, died recently at the Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield.

He was a 48-year employee of Southworth Paper Co., retiring as a machine operator in 1994.

He was born and educated in West Springfield and had lived in Feeding Hills for more than 25 years.

He was a former member of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society, a former member of St. Anthony's Society of Agawam, and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, Jenny (Langone) Magagnoli; a son, Frank P. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Mary Merola of West Springfield; and a grandson.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home in Springfield, followed by a service in Sacred Heart Church and burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

Margot Ortner

Margot (Welsch) Ortner, 82, of 627 Gemini Court, Fort Myers, Florida, died recently at her daughter's home in Southwick.

Born in Erfurt, Germany, she immigrated to New York at the age of nine.

She lived in Westbrook, Connecticut, West Springfield, and Feeding Hills prior to moving to Fort Myers in 1984.

Her husband, George Ortner, died in 1993. She leaves a son, Russell of Orlando, Florida; two daughters, Diana Reich of Wellington, Nevada, and Lorraine Connor of Southwick; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral and burial were private, and there were no calling hours. The Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Ruth Salk

Ruth (Cohen) Salk, 80, of Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked for Anderson Paper Co. and the credit department of Multi-Bank, Springfield, for several years.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, she was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and had lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam.

She was a volunteer at the Jewish Nursing Home in Longmeadow, a member of Sinai Temple and its sisterhood and Hadassah.

She leaves her husband, Albert Salk; two sons, Gilbert of Hebron, Connecticut, and Russell of Windsor Locks, Connecticut; a brother, Harry of Naples, Florida; and a granddaughter.

A graveside service was held in the Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick, Rhode Island. Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel in Providence was in charge of the arrangements.

John E. Helliwell

John E. Helliwell, 62, of 138 Dunn Road, Longmeadow, died in East Longmeadow Nursing Home.

He worked for Western Mass. Electric, now Northeast Utilities, for 38 years, and was a substation designer, retiring in 1993.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School.

Before he moved to Longmeadow, he lived in Feeding Hills for many years.

He leaves a brother, Donald G. of Westfield, and two sisters, Joan M. Orphanos of Peabody and Ann E. Waldvogel of Cobleskill, New York.

The funeral was held at Healey Pease Funeral Home in Westfield, with burial in Old Cemetery, Groton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mass. Chapter ALS Association, 7 Lincoln St., Suite 213, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Helen A. Biza

Helen A. (Colditz) Biza, 87, of Monroe Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she graduated from Amherst High School and lived in Agawam for 50 years.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Agawam Congregational Church.

Her husband, Frank Biza, died in 1995.

She leaves a son, Robert of Agawam; two daughters, Carol DiVirgilio and Nancy Avondo, both of Feeding Hills; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, with burial in Pelham Valley Cemetery in Pelham.

Oct. 30th Deadline For Water Connections

John P. Stone, Superintendent of the Agawam Department of Public Works, has announced that October 30, 1998 is the late date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 1999.

This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF AGAWAM
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING
TO THE OWNERS OF THE
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND
AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Friday, the 30th of October, 1990, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at Tax Collector's Office, Agawam City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Agawam the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

To Avoid Tax Taking Please Call: 786-0400
for information on total amounts due
including interest and expenses
Ext. 220 Laurel Placzek, Collector-Treasurer
Ext. 256 AnnMarie Hartmann, Assistant Collector
Ext. 218, Collector's Office

**CAPLETTE RAYMOND O,
LAND & BUILDING located at 359 MEADOW ST in
AGAWAM, containing 22,651 SF shown on
Assessor's Map M13-1-14, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6507, Page
131. Tax for FY-97 \$844.24.**

**GATES, EUGENE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 583 MAIN ST in
Agawam, containing 22,215 SF shown on
Assessor's Map K11-6-6, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8908, Page
27. Tax for FY-97 \$1,556.50. Tax for FY-96 \$999.81.**

**JONES ROBERT D, CUNNINGHAM ALICE
LAND & BUILDING located at 17 DOVER ST in
AGAWAM, containing 11,700 SF shown on
Assessor's Map L5-5-2, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2675, Page
435. Tax for FY-97 \$1,365.68. Tax for FY-96
\$1,344.78.**

**O'CONNOR WALTER J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 1018 RIVER RD in
AGAWAM, containing 9,000 SF shown on
Assessor's Map N11-4-3, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Land Court
18961. Tax for FY-96 \$743.08. Tax for FY-95
\$1,328.03. Tax for FY-94 \$1,364.50.**

**O'CONNOR WALTER J plus,
LAND & BUILDING located at 994 RIVER RD in
AGAWAM, containing 15,622 SF shown on
Assessor's Map N11-4-5, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 1957, Page
556. Tax for FY-96 \$539.73. Tax for FY-95 \$1,067.08.
Tax for FY-94 \$841.49.**

**ROSSI EDWARD J III,
LAND & BUILDING located at 39 COOPER ST in
AGAWAM, containing 11,000 SF shown on
Assessor's Map K13-4-8, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2368, Page
340. Tax for FY-97 \$1,499.07.**

**FORMER OWNER: GARY SUFFRITI
Subsequent Owner: PAUL BYRNE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 638 SPRINGFIELD
ST in AGAWAM, containing 10,890 SF shown on
Assessor's Map G12-9-2, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6348, Page
20. Tax for FY-97 \$2,431.82. Tax for FY-96
\$2,927.14.**

**VOTZAKIS ERIN P,
LAND & BUILDING located at 50 TRACY DR in
AGAWAM, containing 16,790 SF shown on
Assessor's Map I11-1-11, recorded at HAMPDEN
COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 5864, Page
86. Tax for FY-97 \$1,558.12.**

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Veterans' Corner... Some Highlights From Seminar On State Vets' Memorial Cemetery

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Last month, a seminar on the State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery to be located in Agawam (along with the proposed Winchendon Veterans' Cemetery) was held at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. Bob McKean, Director of Massachusetts State Cemeteries, presided over the event with about 100 veterans in attendance.

There was a lively question-and-answer period. It was interesting to learn that the State Office of Veterans' Services has received about 900 applications already. Over 200 of them were from Agawam, and each day we have several veterans coming in for applications.

A FEW NOTES OF INTEREST:

1) If a veteran from another state is visiting Massachusetts and expires here, he or she is automatically eligible for burial in our Veterans' Cemetery, providing he or she meets other eligibility requirements.

2) Rather than flat military markers, they will be white granite upright markers. The veteran's information will be engraved on the front of the marker, and the spouse's information will be engraved on the back. The question was asked in the case where both husband and wife were veterans, would each have a marker side by side? The answer was that each would most likely have a more narrow marker, but the state needs to look into this further.

3) If you entered the military from Massachusetts, it doesn't matter where you moved to or how long you've been out of state — you never lose your eligibility for burial in a State Veterans' Cemetery.

4) Although there is no charge for the veteran, there is a one-time charge of \$300 for the spouse or child of a veteran which would be paid at the time of death. The reason being that once the cemetery is completed, the state will be responsible for the cost of upkeep of the cemetery. Administrators of the cemetery will be able to file for the federal burial benefits on behalf of the veteran, and the one-time charge for the spouse will help offset a little of the cost.

The following is a list of Agawam Korean War veterans whose active duty is credited to the town of Agawam. This week's list will include veterans whose last names begin with the letters "C," "D," and "E."

Please check the list closely for your name or the name of a loved one or friend. If you know of a name that is missing, please contact the person or family, or notify our office.

REMEMBER, we've done our research to the best of our ability; we need your help in identifying Agawam veterans in order to have the Honor Roll as complete as possible. We're located in the Agawam Town Hall at 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS - "C," "D," & "E"
Wendell E. Cady, Joseph C. Calabrese, Jr., Donald C. Capponecelli, George B. Cardinal, Jr., Leo A. Carey, Frank R. Caroleo, Robert E. Carr, George H. Carroll, William F. Cascella, James J. Cassidy, Robert C. Castelli, Charles O. Cavanaugh, Jr., Lawrence W. Cavanaugh, Calvin H. Cesan, John S. Cesan.

Richard L. Chaisson, Chester C. Chambers, Jr., Daniel A. Champigny, Germain H. Chapdelaine, Arthur E. Chase, William A. Chechile, Jr., Stephen Chmael, Michael F. Chmielewski, Jr., Stanley J. Chmielewski, Robert E. Clampit, Alan D. Clark, Gordon D. Clarke, Carl V. Claus, Paul J. Cloutier, Marjorie D. Cloutier, Charles G. Collins.

David A. Comfort, Raymond E. Cooley, Richard G. Cooper, Ronald C. Corriveau, William E. Cote, Emile W. Cote, William D. Crawford, James W. Crawford, Everard E. Cross, Jr., John J. Curran, Joseph E. Curran, Laurence B. Curran, William B. Curtis, Harvey E. Cusson, Robert W. Cusson, Theodore J. Cusson.

Richard L. Daglio, Paul W. Daigneau, Arthur E. Daigneau, Richard H. Danforth, David L. Davenport, Joseph T. Davio, Raymond H. Davis, Nicholas J. DePalo, Jr., Leo Delucchi, Russell E. Demarais, Donald A. Desjarlais, John E. Desjarlais, Henry S. Desjarlais, Richard F. Devall.

Julio C. Didomenicantonio, Michael A. Dilullo, Jr., Louis D. Draghetti, George Draghetti, Joseph Drewnowski, Paul M. Dubec, Peter C. Dulak, Joseph R. Dumond, Charles A. Duren, Peter P. Dymerski, Newman Ehrlich, Kurt H. Esche, Dorr W. Exford, Jr.*

(* Died while in service.)

State Rep. Dan Keenan Announces Open Enrollment For Non-Group Health Insurance

State Representative Dan Keenan wishes to remind individuals seeking health insurance that October is an open enrollment period for non-group health insurance. Until October 31st, individuals are able to purchase non-group health plans without pre-existing condition exclusions.

"This is the only time during the year that individuals can purchase such coverage if they have been without insurance for more than 63 days," stated Keenan.

There are three types of health plans available: health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), and medical or indemnity plans for fee for service. There are 19 companies selling 25 non-group health plans in

the Massachusetts non-group market.

The Massachusetts Division of Insurance publishes the "Consumer Information Guide: Non-group plans in Massachusetts." The guide includes a list of the non-group health plans available with contact numbers and sample prices. Prices can vary for non-group plans based on age and geography.

"Call several health plans before making a decision," Keenan advised. "A plan that is the least expensive in one age group or location may be more expensive in another."

To obtain a "Consumer Information Guide: Non-group plans in Massachusetts," please contact Rep. Keenan's district office at 786-4545.

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GUN-WAVING - from Page 1...

The next few days were somewhat frantic as statements were taken and people were interviewed.

School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin expressed displeasure with the failure of the School Department to make the information public. She said this would have alleviated the many rumors and stories flying around town as more and more people became aware of the situation.

Serious Lack Of Judgement

"I expressed my dissatisfaction to Dr. Ameruoso that the information should have been released to the public within three days without using anyone's name. Fortunately, the incident did not pose a threat to anyone's health or safety. It was such a foolish thing to do and showed a serious lack of judgement," noted Mrs. Sandlin.

According to her, she had not received any written report of the incident at presstime.

School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni told us she felt the incident confirms her beliefs that a procedure must be in place for the School Department to better deal with serious instances involving staff and students.

"For the past three years, I have been saying we need a formal procedure in place to deal with such tragic matters as this. What we now have is simply advice from our lawyer. We all need to know up front on how we will proceed so that what happens afterwards occurs in an orderly fashion."

Zabielski said he based his 30-day suspension without pay for Cohen's punishment on Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 41D. He said the 30-day suspension without pay was the maximum penalty allowed under the law, although it can be appealed and *The AAN* has

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learned that Cohen will probably exercise this right.

Zabielski, who called Cohen "one of the best guidance counselors in the system," has received all of Cohen's caseload materials, as well as his priority items.

Caseload To Be Delegated

Zabielski said he will delegate Cohen's approximately 100 students to veteran guidance counselors Jane Williams and Judy Cohen. "Even though he showed an amazing lack of judgement, he's done so much for students and their families. I know some of them will not be comfortable with him out of the building because of his job performance. But you have to question his lack of judgement and improper conduct."

Zabielski, as well as School Committeewoman Linda Galarneau, also discounted the "zero tolerance" comparisons being used by some who feel Cohen's punishment is much less than a student would receive.

"It is a completely unfair comparison," said Mrs. Galarneau. "There is not a double standard here between students and staff. A procedure had to be followed because of all the legal issues. This was such a senseless thing. Mr. Cohen has been a wonderful guidance counselor for the students at AHS."

Zabielski said an acting director of guidance for AHS would be named from within the current staff in the next few days.

Charest added that filling Cohen's position as guidance coordinator for the schools will be handled by the front office and was unsure of the timetable for this.

Charest said the appeal process, if exercised by Cohen, may or may not happen within the next 30 days. He said each side (Cohen and the School Department) must first agree on a mediator to handle the appeal.

Agawam Democratic Committee To Hold Breakfast On Sunday, October 25th

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce that this year's breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 25, 1998 at Chez Josef banquet facility, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The breakfast will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets are available at \$20 each from any member of the Agawam Democratic Committee. Advertising and well wishes for the program may be purchased by contacting Stanley Chmielewski

at 786-6859 or Rosemary Sandlin at 786-6053 or 786-3254.

This fall's breakfast will be held to honor longtime Democratic party activist and leader, the late Salvator A. Scibelli. It is hoped and urged that all the friends of the late Salvator Scibelli and his family will attend the breakfast to honor the good man and his great family.

October 15, 1998

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Some Tips For Fire-Safe Microwave Oven Cooking

Over 120,000 scald burns are treated in emergency rooms each year. The Agawam Fire Department warns that a new source of scald burns to infants is serving them both liquids and solid foods that have been prepared in a microwave oven.

- Hot liquids poured into disposable bottles may cause these bottles to burst, soaking the infant.

- Disposable bottles are not made to withstand intense microwave oven heat.

- Food microwaved may feel cool to the touch on the surface, only to be scalding hot in the middle. Many infants receive severe burns to the mouth and throat because of this.

- Parents should test the temperature of the baby's food before feeding the child.

- Additionally, parents should follow the directions provided by the bottle's manufacturer for heating instructions.

For further information, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of THOMAS RUSSO, JR. who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11, Paragraphs A & B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residential structure at the premises identified as: LOT No. 1, LOGAN PLACE.

Doreen Prouty,
Acting Chairperson

Published: October 15, 1998

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Families

Cub Scout Packs To Hold Open House

The Cub Scout Packs of Agawam have scheduled an Open House for Thursday, October 15th, at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, Main Street, Agawam, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This Open House is for boys between the ages of seven and 10 and their parents/caregivers who are interested in joining in the fun and adventure of Scouting. Representatives from local Cub Scout Packs will be in attendance to meet and talk with you about Cub Scouting.

If you and your son cannot attend the Open House but are nevertheless interested in Cub Scouting, please contact the Pioneer Trail District Personnel at 594-9196.

Many parents and adults may ask, "What is Cub Scouting?" It is a program first organized in 1930 when the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) realized that not every boy in the U.S. was experiencing the fun and adventure of Scouting.

For years, many younger brothers, neighbors, and friends tagged along on campouts, hikes, service projects, and other fun-filled activities without reaping the full benefits of being a Scout. So BSA created Cub Scouting, an exciting and adventurous program joined with the skills and values developed for younger boys.

Today, Cub Scouting provides more than two-million boys, from all backgrounds, with healthy doses of constructive fun, with an underlying emphasis on traditional values and service.

To ensure boys are involved with their peers and age-appropriate lessons, the Cub Scouting "family" is organized into three age groups:

A. Tiger Cubs - are first-grade boys who, with their adult partners, learn lessons about building family communication, preparing for emergencies, and understanding the environment. Each lesson is age-specific, and Tiger cubs are recognized each time a lesson or activity is completed. Activities include visiting a zoo and how to use a phone to report emergencies.

B. Cub Scouting - is made up of second- and third-grade boys working toward accomplishing achievements and electives outlined in Cub Scout manuals, and are rewarded with emblems for their work. The Scouts learn about proper nutrition, safety, community involvement, and making informed choices. Some activities include planning and cooking a family meal, starting a recycling program, and increasing strength and agility through exercise and family camping.

C. Webelos Scouting - (an acronym for We'll be Loyal Scouts) is designed for fourth- and fifth-grade boys. They pursue activity badges for achievements in academic skills, the outdoors, technology, sports, and community involvement geared to the older boys. Some of their activities include learning to use computers, learning a citizen's role in the nation, study of animals and insects, swimming, proper care for the Flag, and camping skills.

SEE CUB SCOUTS - Page 11...

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Jr. Women Have Much To "Crow" About...



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Junior Women's Club (above and below) had fun making scarecrows with local children last Saturday, October 10th, at Fini's Plant Farm, 217 James Street, Feeding Hills. This Halloween-themed event helped raise money towards a Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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CUB SCOUTS - from Page 10...**SAFE HAVENS**

Cub Scouts are organized into small units called dens. They are neighborhood-based groups of same-age boys. Dens are supervised by volunteer den leaders — men and women who help the boys pursue age-appropriate activities.

Once a month, several dens meet for a Pack meeting, a highlight for the Cub Scout's entire family. Parents see their boys' interest with their friends, meet other parents from surrounding areas, and share in their sons' successes and achievements.

EVERYONE PLAYS

The den makes sure that everyone feels like a part of the group. Even the shyest boys feel at ease and open up in a comfortable den setting. Most importantly, no one sits on the sidelines and plays only for one inning. Everybody is a winner in Cub Scouting and finds a sense of accomplishment.

Of course, every youth strives to realize his full potential by following the Cub Scout motto ... "DO YOUR BEST." No matter the skill or activity, the Cub Scout motto encourages young boys to set lofty goals and achieve them.

The lessons and attributes that Cub Scouting teaches will make him better at what he does best and, in the end, help him realize his full potential.

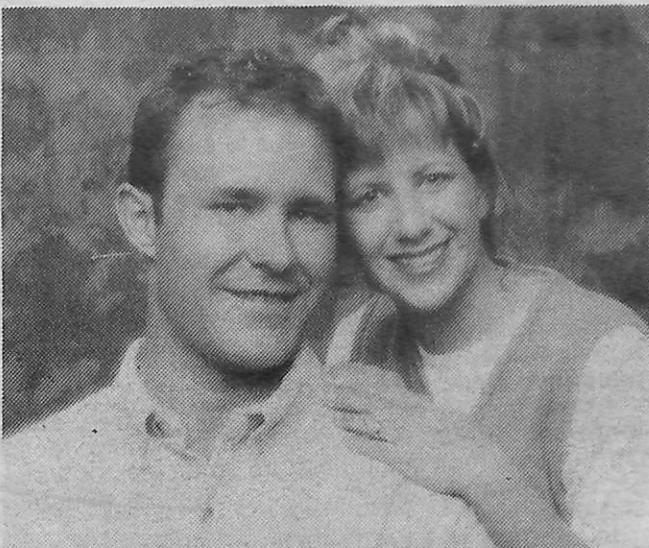
Cutting Edge Salon Slated Charity Fundraiser For Sunday

This Sunday, October 18th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., The Cutting Edge Salon & Day Spa, located at 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (in the Galleria Shops), will be holding a charity fundraiser to benefit The Center of Hope, a free cancer support community.

Haircuts will be given for \$8; mini-manicures, \$4 (or try one acrylic tip for \$1); mini-pedicures, \$10; chair massages, \$1 per minutes; and mini-facials, \$5.

For further information, contact The Cutting Edge at 789-6369.

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DEREK FANSKA AND MELISSA TOWNE

Melissa Towne To Wed Derek Fanska

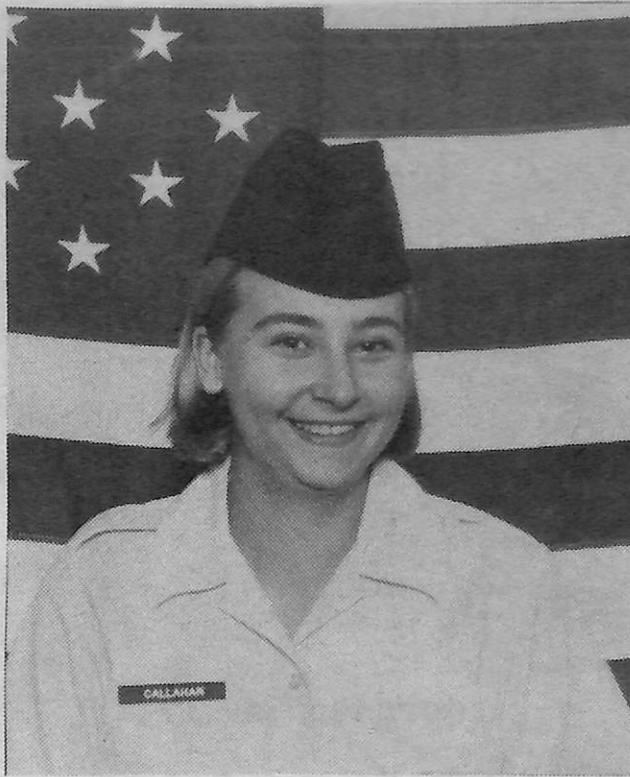
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Towne of Agawam, along with Mrs. Irene Barisano of Simsbury, CT, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fanska of Westfield, announce the engagement of their children, Melissa Towne and Derek Fanska.

Melissa, 28, graduated from Agawam High School in 1988 and attended Newbury College in Boston between 1988 and 1989. She graduated from Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield in 1997 with honors in the criminal justice program. She currently attends Westfield State College in Westfield under the same major.

Her fiance, Derek, 27, is a 1990 Westfield Vocational High School graduate. He was a corporal with the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC, until 1996. He currently attends Westfield State College and is majoring in psychology.

Both Melissa and Derek are employed by the Community Support Program in Holyoke, a division of the Center for Human Development in Springfield. They are mental health counselors in residential treatment homes.

The couple met in July 1996 and currently reside in Westfield. They became engaged on August 28th of this year and are planning a November 26, 1999 wedding.



AIRMAN ANDREA L. CALLAHAN

Andrea L. Callahan Graduates From Basic USAF Training

Air Force Airman Andrea L. Callahan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

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Callahan is the daughter of Brenda and Vincent J. Callahan of 29 Florida Drive, Agawam.

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JOSEPH TODD MOCCIO

The Moccio Family Announces Birth Of Son, Joseph Todd

Steven and Jennifer Moccio of Agawam announce the birth of their second son, Joseph Todd Moccio, on August 15th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Joey weighed nine pounds, 3.4 ounces, and measured 23 inches.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Tyler.

Grandparents, all of Agawam, are Susan and Andrew C. Jorgensen, and Janice and Albert Moccio. Great-grandparents include Edith Moccio, Andrew G. Jorgensen, both of Agawam, and Clifford Mitchell of Springfield.

Godparents are his aunt, Kathy Carvill of Agawam, and uncle, Eric Jorgensen of Feeding Hills.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in, mailed in, or faxed to us on Mondays.

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Come celebrate The Atrium's first anniversary by bringing the whole family to "Country Fest '98" on Sunday, October 18th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Atrium, located at 153 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, is the area's only assisted living residence designed around memory loss.

Admission to "Country Fest '98" is free, and there will be hay rides, live country music, face painting, balloon sculptures, an apple pie contest, games, clowns juggling, candy apples, donuts, and cider.

In addition, tours of The Atrium will be available throughout the afternoon.

For further information about "Country Fest '98," contact The Atrium at (413) 821-9911.

Agawam Junior Women's Club To Meet October 20th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is pleased to announce the speaker at their next meeting is to be Ms. Sandra Jack. Ms. Jack is a Certified Advanced Hypnotherapist through the National Guild of Hypnotists.

She will be speaking about Self-Hypnosis, Stress Management, and Reiki, which is a powerful and non-invasive form of natural healing. Sandra has her own practice called Mindful Matters, which is located at The Self Center in Westfield.

If you wish to find out more about any of these topics, please feel free to attend our meeting on October 20th. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House located on Main Street in Agawam.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

"ALS Taste Of Fame" Slated For Sat., October 17th

The second annual "ALS Taste of Fame," in memory of Bill Quinn, Jr., will take place this coming Saturday, October 17th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

Come join us for a great night of wine and micro-brew tasting, hors d'oeuvres, music, silent auctions, and raffles. This event promises a great time for all, while raising necessary funds for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/Lou Gehrig's Disease) research.

Last year, the first "ALS Taste of Fame" raised \$92,000 to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association's ongoing efforts to help people with ALS through research and services.

The sports-themed event was a special tribute to Bill Quinn, a Massachusetts resident who died of ALS. Quinn was an athlete and sports enthusiast who worked as vice-president of W.J. Quinn Co., Inc. a family contracting, building, and construction business.

Quinn's interests included golf, skiing, weightlifting, reading, political analysis, and travel. He was in his early 30's when he received a diagnosis of ALS in 1991.

Tickets for the "ALS Taste of Fame" are \$35. For further information, call (413) 732-7464 or the Muscular Dystrophy Association at (413) 567-5500.

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Kimberly C. Duga Becomes Bride Of Matthew R. Grivner

Kimberly C. Duga and Matthew R. Grivner were united in marriage at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Agawam on June 27, 1998.

The reception was held at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Following the reception, the couple honeymooned in St. Martin and St. Bart's for two weeks.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elaine B. Driscoll of Feeding Hills and Mr. Richard V. Duga of Holyoke. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Grivner of East Stroudsburg, PA.

Carrie Duga attended her sister as the maid of honor. Other bridesmaids included Karen Grivner, Michele Daignault, Katie Fitzpatrick, and Tracy Ralph.

Kevin Fruck served as the best man. Other groomsmen included Mark Reynolds, Marc Chambigny, Brett Cabecca, and Brian Freeman. Carl Anne Duga served as the flower girl.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA.

The bridegroom is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. He is employed as a pilot with Allegheny Airlines/US Airways Express in Harrisburg, PA.

LEGAL NOTICE

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1998 at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of THOMAS RUSSO, JR. who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11, Paragraphs A & B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residential structure at the premises identified as: LOT NO. 10, LOGAN PLACE.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

Published: October 15, 1998

**All the hometown
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ADVERTISER NEWS**

AHS's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion

It sure doesn't seem like 25 years have gone by!!! The Agawam High School's Class of 1973 25-year reunion will be held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. sharp!

This elegant affair will be entertained by the BRASS ATTACK eight-piece band. The invitations have been sent out and many classmates are still missing. All R.S.V.P.'s are needed back now to insure your reservation.

ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Other classes, faculty, and friends are welcome to join us.

If you can help locate any of the following missing classmates or have any class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

David Ainsworth, Lisa Bazzano Sibilia, Chip Benson, Robert Bouley, John Brame, Lorraine Brazeau, Thomas Brunelle, Constance Buynicki, Darlene Cardone, Lynn Cirillo, Claudia Cunningham, Richard Deblois, Tom Folger, Candace Gallucci.

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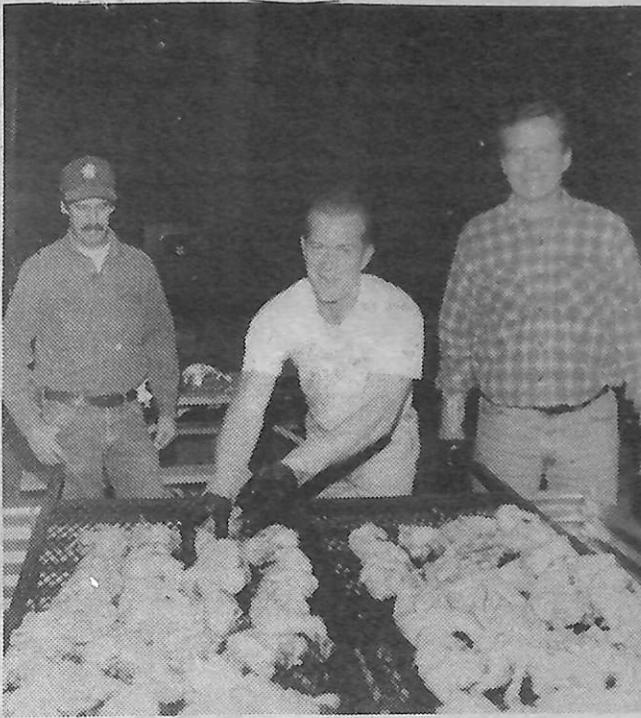
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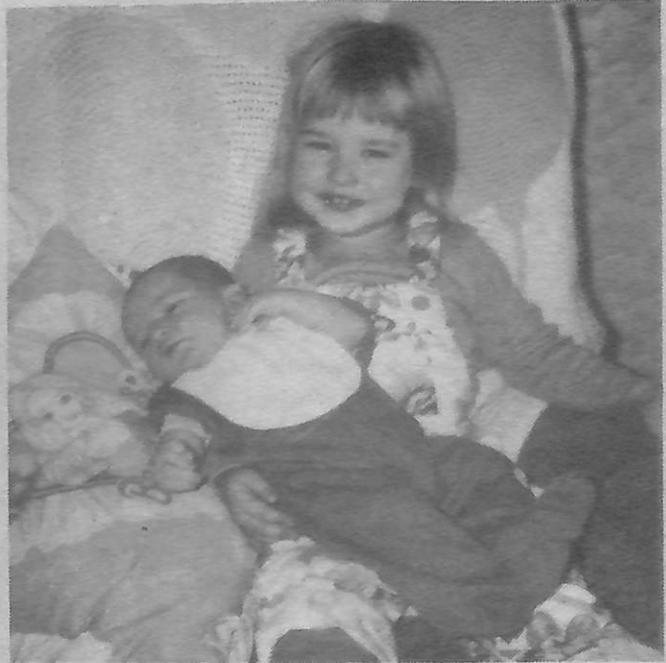
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Chicken BBQ At Mawaga Club...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Two year-old Hayley Phillips is ready to eat at the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club's chicken barbecue on Sunday, October 4th. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Don't "grill" these guys — Bob Faust, Wayne Harrington, and Ernie Leithoff. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



JAMES DEAN RETZLER with his big sister, Brianna.

The Retzler Family Announces Birth Of Son, James Dean

Bridgette and Jim Retzler of 128 Meadow Street, Agawam, are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Dean, on September 21, 1998. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 21 inches long.

James was welcomed home by his big sister Brianna, proud grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Gary McGee of Florida and Mr. & Mrs. James Retzler of Westfield, and proud uncle Jeff Retzler of Westfield.

West Spfld. Coin Show Slated For Sun., October 25th

The West Springfield Coin Club will hold its semi-annual Coin Show at the Dante Club on Baldwin Street, West Springfield, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25th.

Coin dealers will be exhibiting as well as buying and selling coins and giving free appraisals. Admission is free.

The Dante Club is located across from the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue.

For further information, contact Peter Setian at 596-9871.



ATTENDING THE MAWAGA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB'S chicken barbecue (from left to right): Robin Easter, Olivette Lane, Nancy Prentice, Caitlin Geaghan, and Mary Geaghan.

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AHS's Class Of 1948 Holds 50th Reunion



THE 50TH REUNION for Agawam High School's class of 1948 was held last Saturday, October 10th, at Ferruccio's Banquet House on Main Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1948'S REUNION COMMITTEE (from left to right): Laurance Andrews, Priscilla Orr Andrews, Pat Dickinson Buoniconti, Louise Phillips Gaito, Shirley Hutchinson Pike, Barbara Mutti Hamill, and Barclay Hamill. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1948 who travelled the farthest to the reunion: standing - Margaret Coleman Budlong (Florida), Jean Fusini (New York), Marion Hall Duke (Florida), Joan Petersen Downes (California), Joanne Woodbury Walker (New Hampshire), Ernest Megazzini (California), and Walter Campbell (New Hampshire); seated - Joan Kane Miner (Pennsylvania), Helen Godek Curry (Florida), Virginia Kibbe Hazard (New York), and Charles Hare (Florida). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Golden Agers (Ch. 2) Recognize Couples At Anniversary Banquet

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, held its 16th Anniversary Banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 7th.

Club President Perry McCobb and his wife, Rose, greeted the arriving seniors and directed them to the snack table for cheese, crackers, and fruit punch during the social hour which started at 11:00 a.m.

At 12:00 noon, McCobb welcomed the club members and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer by Chaplain Leanoire Dion.

The dinner began with a fresh fruit cup, crisp salad, and three delicious entrees — roast beef, stuffed chicken breast, and baked scrod. After the main course, the dessert (peach melba parfait) completed the banquet menu.

The president expressed special thanks to the Banquet Committee: Arthur and Eileen Collier, Barbara Sherry, and Louise Frank (ticket sales); Edward Grimes (table seating); Mary Spinelli (card punches); and Virginia Lake (entertainment).

Special recognition was made to the following couples celebrating 50 years of marriage — Vinton and Gwendolyn Gregory, Paul and Jeannette Lagoditz, Edward and Bruna Morassi, and Joseph and Jean Woishnis; 55 years of marriage — Perry and Rose McCobb; and 74 years of marriage — Willis and Ruth Parady.

Club Secretary Rita Matys read the life history of each honored couple, which gave places of birth, education, and employment. Also read were names of family members and favorite hobbies.

Each couple received a miniature decorated wedding cake, prepared and presented by Leanoire Dion.

Dancing to the "Anniversary Waltz" concluded this special program.

Virginia Lake introduced Roland The Trumpet Man, who performed many trumpet solos and songs.

"God Bless America" was sung in closing the music program by the entire group of happy seniors.

Oct. 26th Program On 'Telemarketing Fraud' At Ag. Senior Center

The local AARP will be hosting a presentation on "Telemarketing Fraud" on Monday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m.

A video and educational bingo will be part of the presentation.

For more information, call the Agawam Senior Center.



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, who were recognized at the chapter's Anniversary Banquet: Perry and Rose McCobb (55 years), and Ruth and Willis Parady (74 years).



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AT THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2 (held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 7th), Gwendolyn and Vinton Gregory (left) and Bruna and Edward Morassi were recognized for their 50 years of marriage.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

- Monday, October 19th: Roast turkey, stuffing & gravy, butternut squash, pumpkin bread, fresh banana.
- Tuesday, October 20th: Meatloaf with gravy, succotash, rye bread, apple crisp.
- Wednesday, October 21st: Apple orchard pork chops, acorn squash, bread sticks, lemon pudding.
- Thursday, October 22nd: BBQ ribs, potato puffs, corn, bread, plums.
- Friday, October 23rd: Baked fish Florentine, beets, rye bread, peaches.
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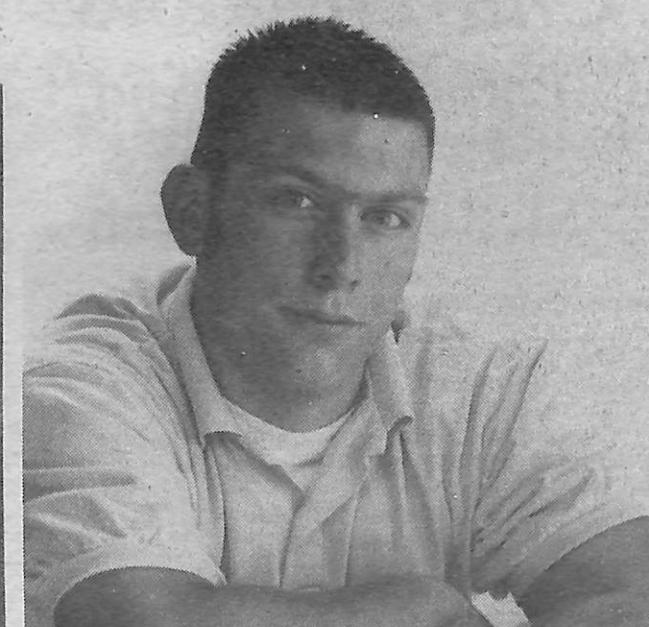
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Norman Gagne, Jr. To Begin USMC Basic Training In December

Norman Gagne, Jr., son of Kim Roberts-Ashey and the late Norman Gagne, will leave for basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, December 1st.

His MOS (mission of service) will be infantry. While in the Marines, he will also have continuous education.

Norm is the grandson of Carol & Donald Roberts, Emma Gagne, and the late Renaud Gagne. He is also the stepson of Ronald Ashey and brother of Bruce and Ron, Jr.

Norm is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School. His graduation from basic training will be in February 1999.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED ORDINANCE TOR-98-7

Ordinance Amendment - Town Code - Chapter 49 entitled "Personnel."

Said Ordinance is of a length too cumbersome for publication. Accordingly, copy of said ordinance is available for reference at the office of the City Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL
Donald M. Rheault, President
Agawam City Council

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Doreen Prouty
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Church News

Parish News And Events From St. John's Church

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated here on Monday night, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

The parish family is cordially invited and encouraged to attend this parish event.

OVER 60 CLUB

The Club's next trip is a "Fall Foliage" event, including a visit to the Cathedral of the Pines (with lunch at Pickity Place).

The cost is \$43, and there are a few seats available. Call Barbara at 786-7037 or Lil at 787-9586.

PLEASE HELP

Parents dropping off and picking up children for CCD are asked to follow the traffic pattern established for the safety of the children. The volunteers are there to help.

We would appreciate your heeding their direction. This applies on Saturdays as well as on Monday and Tuesday nights.

PARTH COUNCIL

The October Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

There will be NO ATTIC TREASURES BOOTH this year. Please do not bring any attic treasures to the Parish Center; the committee has opted not to have that booth for 1998.

However, they do need old jewelry; bring these to the Parish Center marked "BAZAAR."

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. New members are always most welcome to join.

Chicken And Biscuit Dinner At Agawam Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, October 24th, serving continuously from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The dinner includes chicken and biscuits, winter squash, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and butter, and apple pie. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended. A few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111 or Anne Hamel at 786-2908 before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 23rd.

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Weekly Calendar Of Events And Activities At Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, October 18th, is the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "I Will Write My Law Upon their Hearts," taken from Text: Jeremiah 31:27-34. His Children's Message will be "A Prescription For Health."

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is soup. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Annual CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. The start-off time is 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church parking lot.

Want to walk or sponsor walkers? See MaryEllen Sullivan at the church or call the church office at 786-7111.

The Loaves & Fishes Program is Monday, October 19th, at 4:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to help serve the meal at the Springfield kitchen, meet at the church to carpool.

Spread the word!!! The Youth Committee is sponsoring an "Old-Time Halloween Dance" on Friday, October 30th, that will be open to the seventh- through 12th-grade teens of the community.

There will be a "Best Costume Contest,"

"Old-Time Halloween Dance" At Agawam Congregational Church

The Agawam Congregational Church Youth Committee is sponsoring an "Old-Time Halloween Dance" on Friday, October 30th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

This dance is open to seventh- through 12th-grade teens of the community. There will be a "Best Costume Contest," games, and prizes.

The cost is just \$4 (or \$3 plus a non-perishable

games, and prizes. The fee is just \$4, or \$3 plus a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry.

The dance will run from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall. A "no re-entry" policy will be in effect, and the music will be provided by "Music Celebration" D.J. Chuck Malloy.

Sign up early because this event will be limited to 150 teens. Call the church office at 786-7111 to reserve a space.

The Catering Committee is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 24th, serving continuously from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111.

The Music Committee has announced the beginning of the "Agawam Chorale," which will meet three or four times a year for a Thursday rehearsal and sing in the church on Sunday mornings.

All aspiring singers are invited on Thursday, November 5th, to join the regular choir members for a fun-filled rehearsal, and on Sunday, November 8th, for a joyful musical and spiritual experience.

The "Agawam Chorale" will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

Mark your calendars today! The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information regarding any of the aforementioned activities, please call the Agawam Congregational Church at 786-7111.

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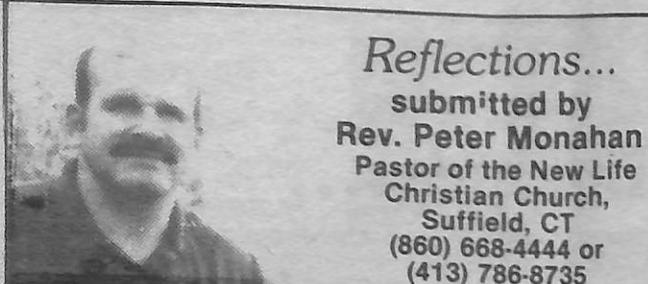
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Destined For Greatness...

Proverbs 16:25 tells us, "Sometimes there is a way that seems to be right, but in the end it is the way to death." In other words, not every bright idea which occurs to us turns out to be brilliant over time and through experience. In fact, sometimes the path we choose leads us in the exact opposite direction we intended to go.

If there was ever a person in the entire Bible who made wrong choices, surely that person would have to be Jacob. Jacob was the son of Isaac, and the grandson of Abraham. Jacob had been chosen by God to be a very special person, even before he was born. Jacob's big problem in life was that either he didn't know that God had chosen him for greatness; or perhaps he knew, but he failed to act upon that knowledge.

Jacob was a twin. His brother was born moments before he was. Under the custom of his days, Jacob's brother, Esau, would inherit the blessings of the firstborn because he was the older brother. In the world, those few moments counted, but not as far as God was concerned. He had destined Jacob for greatness. However, every time Jacob was presented with the opportunity to exercise faith in God, he resorted to human trickery instead. The result of Jacob's behavior was that it took him an awfully long time to receive God's blessings.

Some of us are more like Jacob than not. Before any of us were born, God knew us and had established a plan for our lives. Each of us is

destined for greatness. That doesn't mean we're all to be celebrities, but it does mean that God has great things in store for us. Some of us are unaware of the great things God wants to accomplish in and through our lives. Some of us have learned, mistakenly, that the route around or over faith opportunities is easier than doing things God's way. It may seem easier to compromise our values or integrity rather than to stand upon our principles, but later on all we're left with is regrets. It may be quicker to take shortcuts, but by taking the expeditious route, we oftentimes miss valuable experiences. **Sometimes there is a way that seems to be right, but in the end, it is the way to death.**

Because of his shenanigans, Jacob had to hightail it out of town and away from his family. He wound up living with his uncle, who was even more devious than himself. All the tricks Jacob had played on his father and brother were nothing in comparison to the deception his uncle displayed. Jacob paid dearly for falling for his uncle's lies, just as his father and brother had paid dearly for Jacob's lies. Having refused to trust God in the safety and comfort of his own home, Jacob was forced to trust God under much harsher circumstances. Eventually, Jacob learned his lesson. After many years of frustration, Jacob was finally allowed to return home.

On his way back home, Jacob encountered God, face-to-face. God said to him, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have endured." The name "Israel" means "person of God." God's plan for Jacob had been to transform him into a person of God all along. It wasn't easy to get God's will accomplished in Jacob's life. It can be easier for us, because we have the benefit of God's Word to guide us.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. Jacob's destiny had been to be great, a person of God. That is our destiny as well.

This Week's Events And Happenings At First Baptist Church In Agawam

The Junior and Senior Youth Groups (and their leaders) will have a bike ride through the trails of Northampton this Saturday, October 17th. They will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

Also on Saturday, the famous Fall Smorgasbord will be held in Bordurtha Hall, with sittings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. Last-minute reservations may be made by calling 789-1481.

On Sunday morning, October 18th, set your alarms to come to the Missions Stock pancake breakfast served by the youth and their leaders. This will be held at 8:00 a.m. (preceding the morning worship service).

A special service of worship is being planned by the lay people of the church, under the direction of Everett Hodge, in observance of the annual Laymen's Sunday. Assisting Mr. Hodge in the service will be Ray Williams, Jr., who will give the message of the morning — "God Does Not Help Those Who Help Themselves."

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You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "Where Do We Meet God?"

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be a Special Meeting held at this church following worship on Sunday, October 25th. All members are encouraged to attend.

The annual CROP Walk will take place here in Agawam on Sunday, October 18th. Funds raised by this walk benefit overseas areas as well as local agencies. The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will receive 25 percent of the funds raised!

If you would like to register to walk or sponsor a walker, you need to call Bob Broga at 786-7720 immediately! Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street. The 10-kilometer walk itself begins at 2:00 p.m.

The Ladies Benevolent Society has announced that they will serve their annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, November 14th. More information will be forthcoming.

You might want to mark your calendar now so you don't miss this delicious event. The office has already received calls to make reservations!

If you would like to be on the supper mailing list, please call 786-5061 and leave your name and address.

Thank you to all who have been making use of the calendars posted in Griswold Hall. This is a very busy church and the calendars are the easiest way to keep conflicts from appearing on the schedule.

On the calendar:

Sunday, October 18th: 10:00 a.m., Worship; 1:00 p.m., CROP Walk registration at Methodist Church.

Monday, October 19th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

Tuesday, October 20th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, October 21st: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, October 22nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Series - "What Are Angels?"

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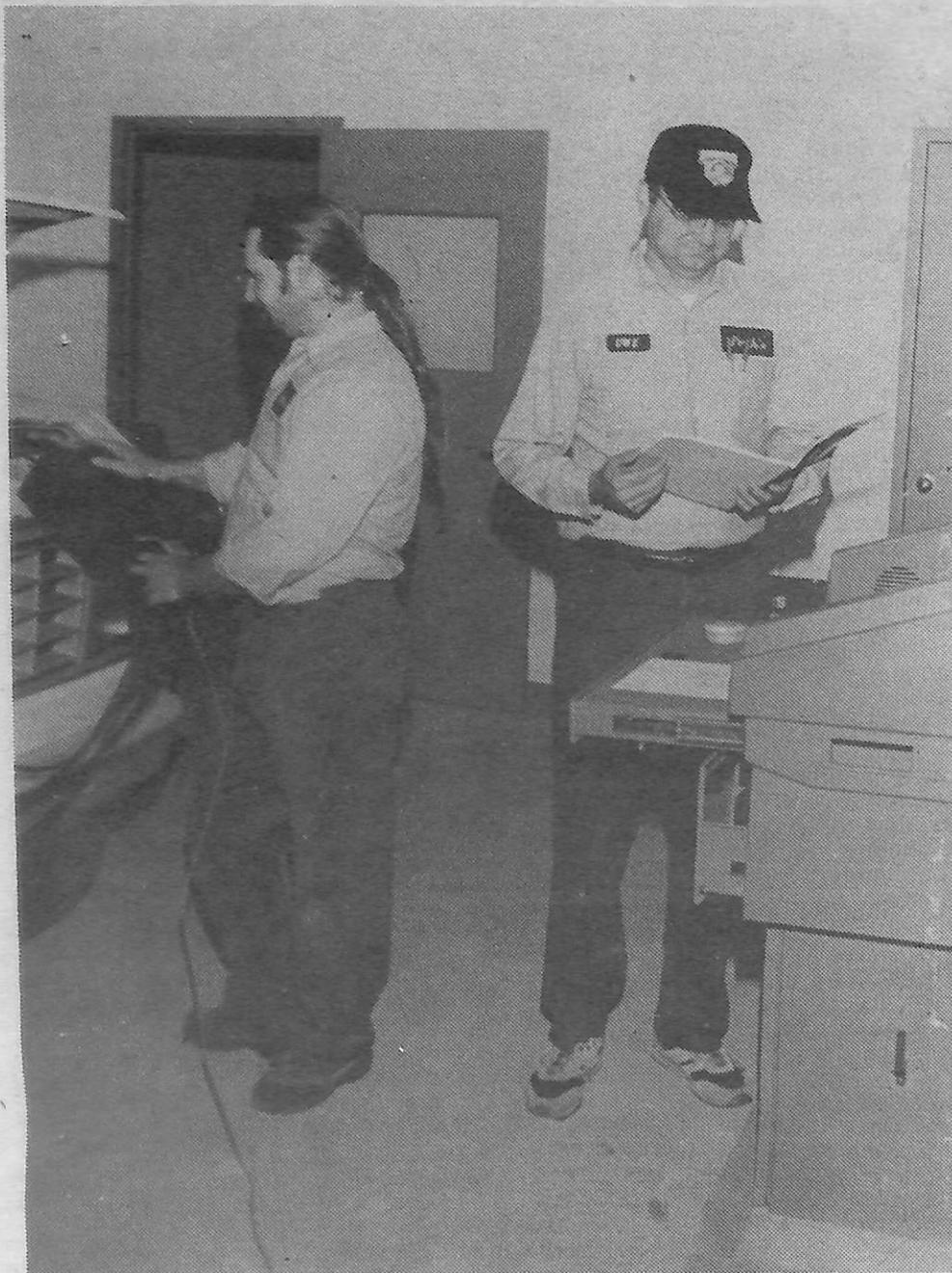
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First, you must decide on a price. Your sales associate can estimate your proceeds — the sale price minus fees, taxes, and insurance.

When you receive an offer, carefully review it because once you and the buyer sign it, it becomes the contract of the sale.

Don't be concerned if the offer is your asking price. That means you priced your home right! If the offer is less than you wanted, look at the contract as a whole. Perhaps the buyer is assuming some of the closing expenses you expected to pay. And consider splitting the difference if you and the buyer come within about \$1,000 of each other.

You can accept the terms of the offer and sign it, make a counteroffer to the buyer with some changes, or reject the offer entirely. If you counteroffer, realize that there may be more counteroffers before the final agreement is signed.

As a part of the offer process, an earnest money deposit will be held by a third party until an agreement is reached. At that time, the money is usually credited to the buyer and applied to the down payment. Until you accept the offer, the buyer can get the money back. You may keep the earnest money if the buyer fails to follow through with the contract once it's accepted.

For more information on selling a home, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

Christopher B. Shuman Achieves Prestigious CLU Designation

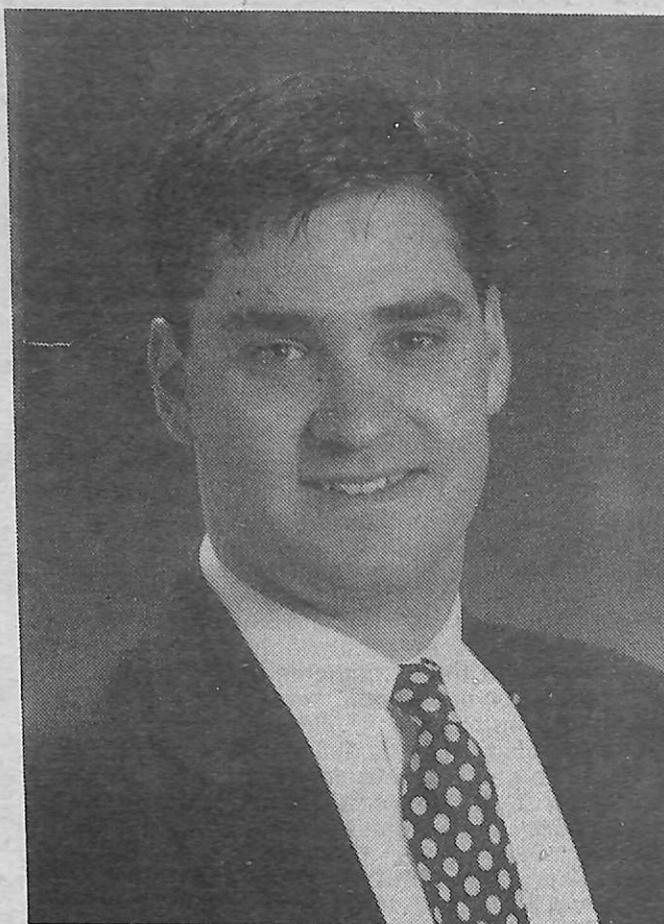
The Novak Financial Group of MassMutual — "The Blue Chip Company" — has announced that one of its top associates, Christopher B. Shuman of Agawam, has earned the prestigious Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation from The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Shuman is a graduate of Fairfield University. In addition to the new CLU designation, he has earned the professional designation of Certified Financial Planner.

Shuman is a Registered Representative licensed with the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York, as well as the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD).

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Beanie Baby Raffle At Dittos Gift Shop

Dittos Gift Shop at 289 Springfield Street in Agawam was the site of a recent Beanie Baby Raffle. The store raffled one Princess Bear and one Erin Bear to the two lucky ticket holders.

The winning tickets were drawn by Kristina the Clown on August 21st, with a large crowd present hoping to be holding one of the lucky tickets.

The winners were Katie Most of West Springfield, who won the Princess Bear, and Mina Larocca of West Springfield, who won the Erin

Bear.

Lisa Mark, the store owner, also donated a portion of the proceeds to the non-profit organization, Concerned Citizens for Animals.

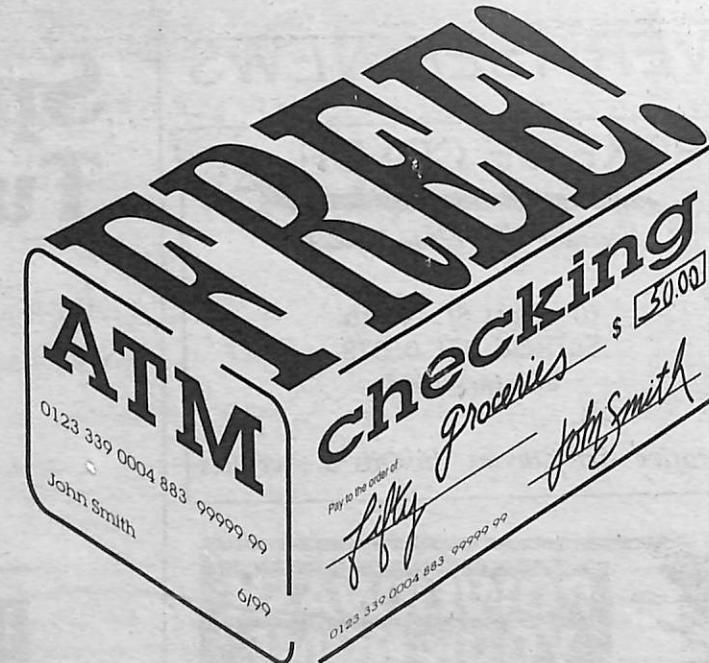
Lisa would like to thank everyone in the community who participated in the raffle and helped make the contribution possible. She also invites everyone to stop in and visit. For every \$10 purchase, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$75 gift certificate.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Travel Talk...**

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Tips For Healthy Travel...

The chances of encountering certain diseases largely depends on where you travel. Before you take your next trip, you should seek consultation with someone who is familiar with travel medicine.

The following information was provided to me by MaryJo Safford, R.N., B.S.N., Travel Medicine Program for Baystate Health Systems. Travel-related diseases can be prevented or decreased with a visit to a travel medicine professional. **How far in advance should someone be seen before traveling?**

International travelers should seek medical advice four to six weeks in advance of their departure date. This allows adequate time for immunizations to be scheduled and advice to be given.

What is safe to eat and drink?

There is about a 35 to 60 percent chance of acquiring traveler's diarrhea if traveling into a lesser-developed country for one month. Paying attention to safe food and drink guidelines and handwashing will reduce a person's risk while traveling. A simple phrase to remember: if you can't boil it, cook it, peel it — then forget it!

What are the mandatory immunizations?

There is only one mandatory requirement for travel — yellow fever. This is guided by the international health regulations of the WHO and is a required immunization only for travel to or through certain parts of Africa and South America.

Most of the otherwise available immunizations are not mandatory, but carry a strong recommendation in terms of health protection. This is why it is so important to contact a travel medicine professional and not to assume there is no risk of infection.

For more information "on your own," here are some web site addresses to use on THE INTERNET:

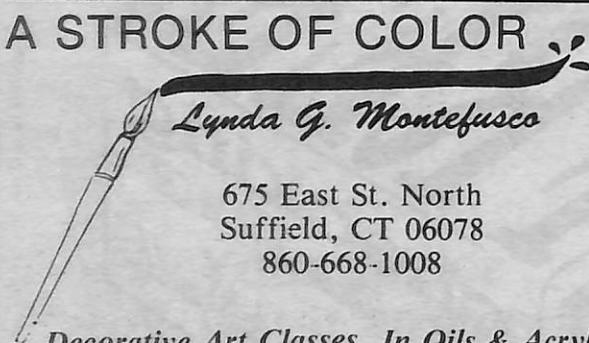
- Travel Health Online - www.tripprep.com
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov/travel

Next week, I will discuss some practical safety precautions for travel, along with some tips for senior travel.

We still have space on our motorcoach trip to New York to see "Ragtime" on Broadway. Price is \$102 per person.

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**RMV Could Surprise You**
Policy Affects Pleas, Disposition of DUIs

The Registry of Motor Vehicles' policy of running a 45-day license suspension for pleading guilty to a DUI (driving under the influence) charge consecutively with the automatic 120-day suspension for refusing to take a breath test could catch many defendants off-guard, according to criminal-defense practitioners.

Prior to 1994, the Registry would typically run the suspensions concurrently, allowing, in essence, the 120-day suspension to absorb much, if not all, of the 45-day suspension.

Since 1994, however, the Registry has been separating the 120-day suspension period so that the clock is stopped upon disposition of the case and resumed once the 45-day suspension is completed. This effectively results in at least a 165-day suspension.

Since the 45-day suspension for pleading guilty to a DUI will only add to the time of a license suspension, this policy eliminates much of the incentive for a defendant not to take the case to trial.

The registry's position is that "When someone refuses the Breathalyzer and is subsequently convicted of drunk driving, there are two separate offenses that have occurred - the violation of the drunk-driving law and the implied consent law. To run them both concurrently would not give full cause and effect to both suspensions." Some argue, however, that this creates an overly harsh result that discourages defendants from quick disposition of their cases.

It has been suggested that a possible way around the new policy would be by getting an order for concurrent suspensions within the face of the disposition itself. Of course, this does not guarantee that the RMV will, in fact, uphold the court's order and impose the suspensions concurrently. It appears that presently, as long as a judge is willing to order in a disposition that the two suspensions run concurrently, the registry will generally honor the order.

"The only orders we would not honor are those where the plea happens after the 120-day period and the court tries to credit time back to before the disposition even happened," the RMV claims.

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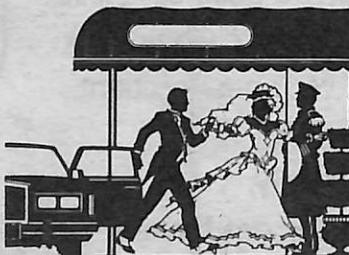
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Learn proper sitting and lifting methods. Specific exercises may be suggested to help retrain the muscles that support your spine.

Proper rest is an important aspect of the healing process, too. Get the appropriate amount of rest your body needs and avoid sleeping on your stomach.

During the healing process, proper nutrition is more important than ever. Make sure you eat balanced meals, and if you're overweight, now would be a good time to slim down and reduce unnecessary stresses to your spine.

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Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, October 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at this meeting will be announced, and it will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 27th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Mary Gina Trevisani, M.D., will present the topic "Diabetes and Eye Care."

Crohn's and Colitis: Tuesday, October 20th, 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from Crohn's or colitis and their support persons.

Paul Farkas, M.D., will present the topic "Coping With Inflammatory Bowel Disease."

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, October 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Women's Health Fair: Wednesday, October 21st, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Exhibits, information, raffle, and light refreshments. In Conference Room A, there will be a lecture and lunch with featured speaker Judi Orr, R.N., M.S.N. - "Even Wonder Women Get The Blues."

There are two sessions for this lecture: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and 12:50 to 1:50 p.m. (One continuing education contact hour is available for nurses attending the lecture.)

Seating for the lecture and lunch is limited, and advance registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HealthBeat at (413) 568-2328.

34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball - "Autumn Leaves": Saturday, October 24th. At the School Street Bistro.

The ball will feature music by "Mass Confusion," and proceeds from this event will benefit the proposed Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital.

To find out more information about attending the event or how to help sponsor the 34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball, call the Volunteer Services Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5030.

Two-Part CPR Course: Wednesdays, October 21st and 28th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This course provides American Heart Association adult, child, and infant certification.

The cost of the course is \$45. To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

New Treatments and Arthritis Lecture: Thursday, October 22nd, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Presented by Dr. David J. Pierangelo, Board Certified Rheumatologist on Staff at Noble Hospital.

This lecture is free of charge. However, seating is limited, so advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's HealthBeat at (413) 568-2328.

"Family Night" To Benefit Renal Fund

The L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund is sponsoring a family night on Sunday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Roma Restaurant, 559 College Highway (Rtes. 10 & 202), Southwick.

The menu will be an Italian buffet (consisting of pasta, meatballs, sausage, chicken, salad, rolls, coffee, and dessert).

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, free for children under six, and may be obtained by sending a check in the appropriate amount payable to the L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund. Forward to Ms. Marie Spedero, 99 Noel St., Springfield, MA 01108.

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How To Sit "Right" In A Chair...

A few weeks ago, we discussed how the neck bears quite a bit of weight holding up the head. Putting the head in one position for a period of time can increase the stress on the neck and produce headaches, neck pain, and stiffness.

I relate how I felt discomfort after my astronomy class; spending hours in the cold evening with my neck craned in an awkward position was not very comfortable.

I suggested taking frequent breaks and stretching the region in order to keep the muscles loose. This is not only important advice for budding astronomers, but also birdwatchers, people who work on computers, etc.

This past week, class was held inside due to cloudy weather (not conducive to stargazing!). What a contrast sitting on those chairs for several hours!

I'm not sure who designs the chairs for schools and colleges — they're certainly not designed by a chiropractor! After 15 minutes, I was fidgeting and flopping around in my seat. I wonder if there have been any studies correlating comfort of seat to test scores?

I would bet there is a direct correlation between increased comfort and better test results. Anyway, the body isn't meant to stay in a restricted position for an extended period of time.

It's important to stretch your leg, back, shoulder, and neck muscles prior to and after sitting for any length of time. Also, it is important to take frequent breaks and get up and move the muscles, to increase the circulation to the arms, legs, and head region.

A chair that is correct for your body is important. The feet should both be planted on the ground, the knees should be at a 90° angle with the ground, the spine straight, the elbow at 90°, and the wrists straight. Good posture while sitting is important for good health.

A minor variance can cause great stress and fatigue the muscles sooner. Take care of your body — stretch, use good equipment, and be aware of your posture! After all, a healthy spine is a healthy body.

If you have questions or would like an idea of exercises and stretches that would be beneficial, call our office today.

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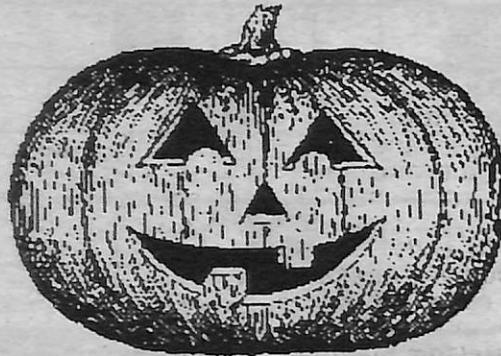
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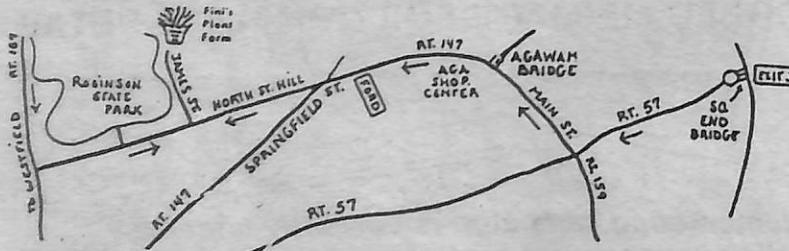
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Arts

Genevieve Rose Quintet To Perform At The Iron Horse

Acoustic bassist Genevieve Rose, a former resident of Feeding Hills and a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, will present the Genevieve Rose Quintet at Northampton's Iron Horse Musical Hall this Saturday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Renowned jazz vocalist Sheila Jordan, NY Grammy-nominated pianist/composer Garry Dial, area drummer Gregory Caputo, and Boston's Ritz-Carlton bandleader/trumpeter/flugelhornist Dave Burdett round out the quintet.

Rose has just returned from a September tour of Columbia, South America, with Sheila Jordan, Matt Wilson, and Eugene Uman. The 21 year-old musician is a jazz performance and music education major at UMass-Amherst, and for two years has been an adjunct faculty member for the UMass Jazz in July summer workshop.

She received honorable mention in 1996 from the National Foundation for Advancement of the Arts; in 1997, received the UMass Bily Taylor/Fletcher Henderson award; and in 1998, was a Hamilton College National Jazz Archives inductee.

Downbeat magazine spotlighted Rose and (the late) Benny Waters in a "Tradin' Fours" article in the July 1998 issue; *Saxophone Journal's* March/April 1998 edition featured Waters and highlighted Rose and Waters' week at Sweet Basil, NYC; and *The UMass Magazine* featured Rose in the winter 1998 issue.

Rose has performed with such other notables as Bucky Pizzarelli, Cyrus Chestnut, Byron Stripling, Howard Alden, Harold Danko, Bob Wilbur, and Claude "Fiddler" Williams.

Advance tickets are available at the Northampton box office at Thorne's for only \$8; at For the Record in Amherst (50¢ per ticket handling); charge at (413) 586-8686 (\$1.50 extra); or at the door, \$10.

"Halloween Scene" On October 24th At The Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages four and up are invited to a "Halloween Scene" on Saturday, October 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

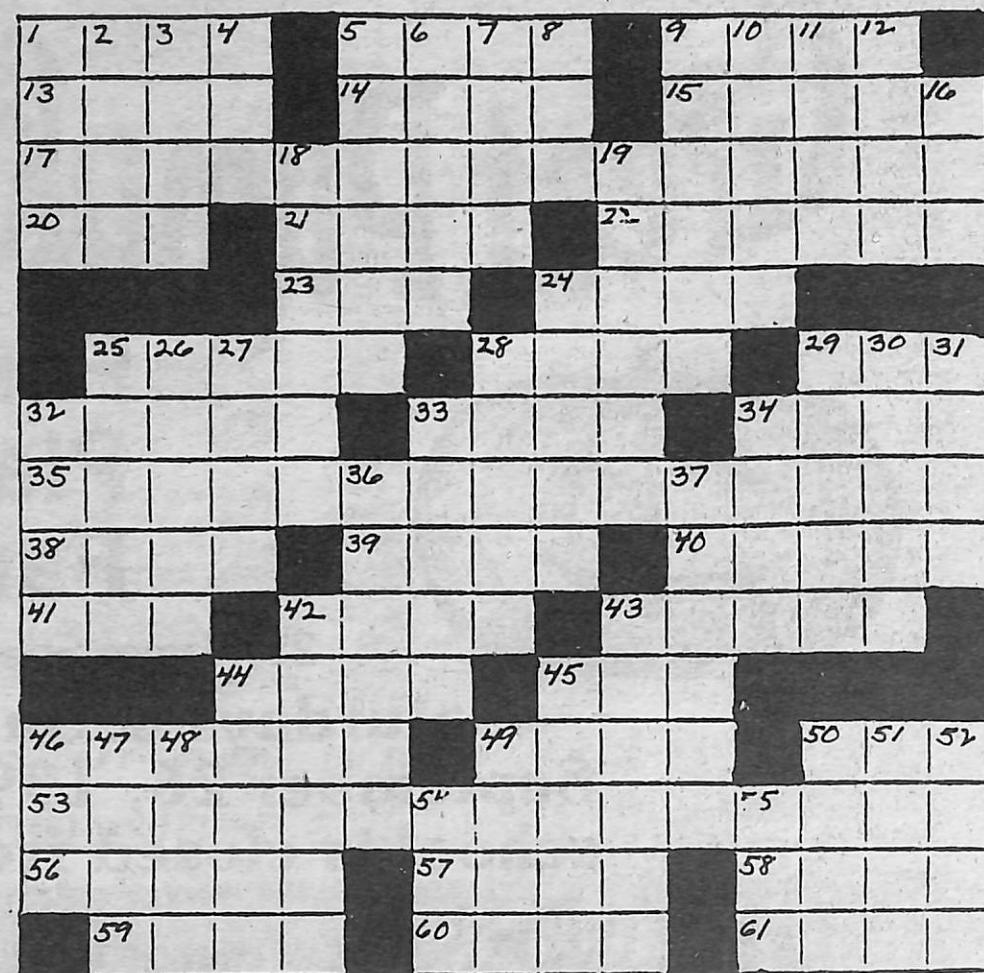
We'll get you in the Halloween mood with stories, a craft, a snack, and a special raffle.

Sign up for this program by Wednesday, October 21st. Call 789-1550, or visit the library to register.

Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...

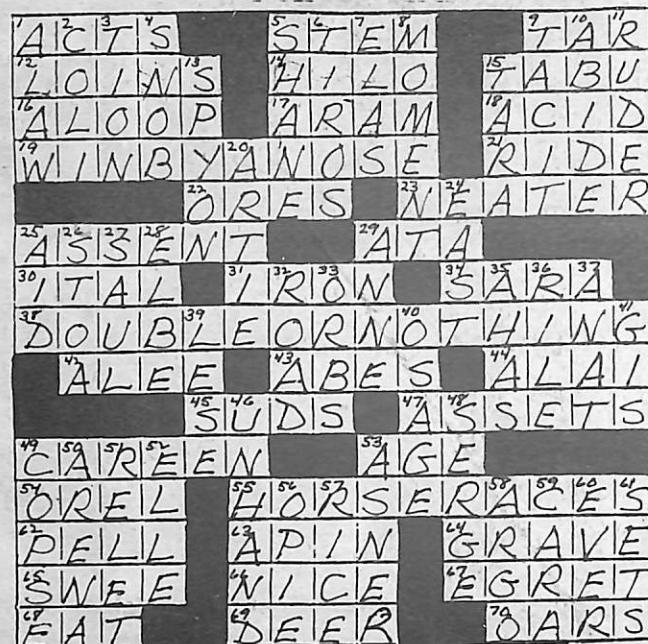
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Westfield Theater Group To Stage Neil Simon's "Rumors"

The Westfield Theater Group, a division of the Westfield Women's Club, is proud to announce their 1998 fall production, "Rumors," by Neil Simon.

They will perform at the Westfield Women's Club on 28 Court Street in Westfield. The show dates are Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th at 8:00 p.m. Also, Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th at 8:00 p.m. There also will be a Saturday matinee on November 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at the Westfield Women's Club. Advance reservations are available by calling (413) 572-6838. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for seniors and students. This show is a sophisticated comedy with some adult language.

The performances will be directed by Katherine Clarke-Levey. The show is being produced by Adam Bradley Maxfield and Tom LeCourt. New to the Westfield Theater Group are Jerry Gretzinger of Channel 22 News and his wife, Karen.

Also new to the group are Susan Birnbryer and Mary Collamore. Returning cast members are Rock and Carol Palmer, Rick and Roxanne Buzzee, Ernie Desroches, and Ray Supraneant.

Valley Repertory Co. Slates Auditions For Winter Production

Valley Repertory Company will hold auditions for "THE ODD COUPLE - Female Version" on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Enfield Senior Center on High Street in Enfield.

Roles are available for both men and women. Performances will be January 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd. Individuals interested in working on the show in any capacity are encouraged to attend the auditions.

For questions and additional information, please call the Director, Ken Estvanik, at 860-749-4665.

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"Carnival" To Open This Weekend...



STEVE SANDS of Agawam (right) shows off his puppet creation, "Marguerite," to Rebecca Schaefer of Enfield in the Hilltop Players' fall musical, "Carnival." Performances are on October 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, and 24th at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. Call 789-2026 for tickets and further information.

Suf. Players Slate "MacBeth" Auditions

Suffield: The Suffield Players will hold auditions for its winter production, "MACBETH," on Monday and Tuesday, October 26th and 27th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

On Sunday, October 25th from 4:00-6:00 p.m., the Players will also hold a "Shakespeare Audition Prep Class."

For information, call 860-647-9156. Show dates will be February 25th, 26th, 27th, March 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th.

Book Discussion To Commence In October At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is planning a book discussion for October. Two books by poet and writer Maya Angelou will be discussed on October 19th and 26th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, a book of short essays, and *Heart of a Woman*, an autobiographical work.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in, mailed in, or faxed to us on Mondays ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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Education

Replacing Traditional "Report Cards"...

Clark Pupils Will Be Taking Home New "Student Performance Reports"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Children at James Clark School won't be taking home any A's on their report cards this year. Or B's or C's or D's, either. Actually, they won't be taking home traditional "report cards" at all.

What they will be taking home is a two-page "Student Performance Report" that is more closely aligned with the state curriculum frameworks, gives parents more information about their child's progress, and reflects a more accurate picture of each student's achievements than a traditional report card, according to school officials.

Principal Sandra Howard said parents can learn more about the new system of assessing student performance at an informational meeting on October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

A Pilot Program

"We're doing this as a pilot program because the state has changed the way they want us to assess students. For instance, the state wants us to move away from letter grades and use portfolios or work sampling to measure student progress," Mrs. Howard said.

In addition to collecting a folder of work samples to demonstrate the skills each child has achieved, the teachers are preparing a two-page "Student Performance Report" that gives much more information about the child's progress, including a detailed assessment of specific skills in the academic areas. Student performance will be evaluated in three marking periods rather than in the traditional four marking periods, and there will be time set aside during the day for more in-depth, lengthier parent teacher conferences than under the old system," Mrs. Howard said.

The new report card was developed by a team of teachers representing each grade level at the school. According to the teachers, the new system gives parents a better reflection of their child's progress, focusing on the things the child can do rather than the things the child can't do and backing up the teacher's assessment with work samples.

Devising a new way to evaluate student performance in keeping with the mandates of the state curriculum frameworks has been a difficult transition. The committee has met with some resistance from their colleagues, even though everyone knows the changes have to be made.

"As we use the new system, people will become more comfortable with this. Like anything else that's new, it takes a few years and this is not our final product. This is a work in progress," according to third grade teacher Donna Modzelewski.

Second grade teacher Laura Lewis said the bottom line is the state frameworks have changed, the school's curriculum has changed, and the way the students are assessed must change to reflect those changes.

First grade teacher Joyce Rheaume said her students are excited about collecting samples of their work for their parents to see as part of their performance reports.

"I keep telling the children that it's important to

remember everybody, even teachers, needs to improve and everybody can improve in their work," Mrs. Rheaume said.

Besides giving parents a better idea of how their child is performing at school, the new assessment system avoids negatively labeling and discouraging children at the beginning of their academic careers (when positive feedback is more important than letter grades, the teachers agreed).

"We're hoping we can keep the children feeling positive and good about their work so they'll want to continue to learn. And, the new report is more like what is found in the workplace. For the rest of their lives, they'll be assessed this way," according to fourth-grade teacher Cyndy Palazzi.

Children will also benefit from the new report cards when they are promoted to the next grade, move on to the Middle School, or move out of town because their new teachers will have a much better picture of their strengths and weaknesses, Mrs. Palazzi pointed out.

A Transitioning Day

"Eventually, we're hoping to have a transitioning day for our teachers to meet with the Middle School teachers who will be receiving our students to discuss their progress and skill levels," Mrs. Howard said.

The first page of the new student performance report for first and second graders rates student achievement in reading, writing, spelling, and math using a scale of one to five. A score of one indicates the student seldom produces work of satisfactory quality. A score of five means the student consistently produces work of high quality. A score of four means the student usually produces work of high quality, while two and three indicate the student usually or consistently produces work of satisfactory quality, respectively.

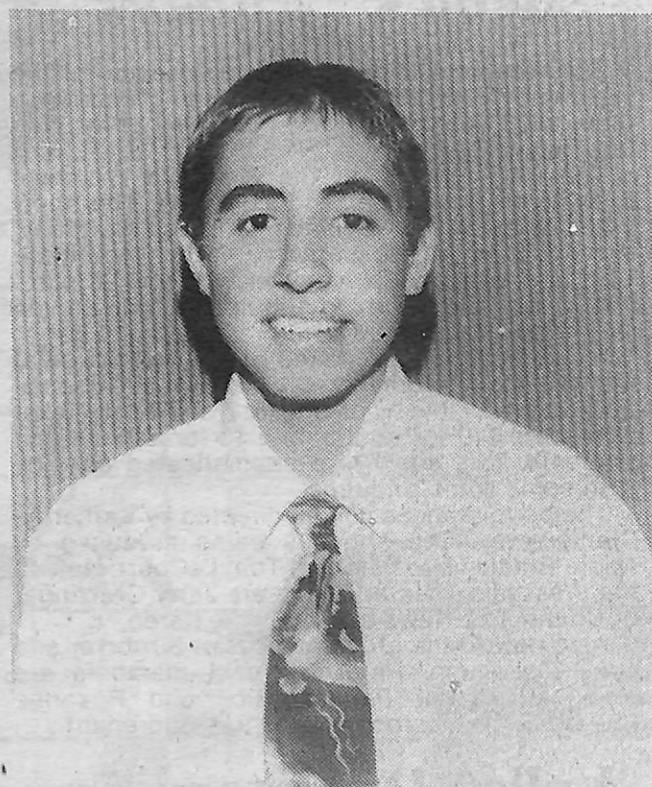
First and second graders are rated for their performance in art, health, music, physical education, science, social studies, and speaking/listening/social using a letter scale indicating outstanding, very satisfactory, needs improvement, improvement seen, and not satisfactory.

On the second page of the report, the academic skills are rated in several sub-sections for each academic area using the performance scale indicating skills ranging from outstanding to not satisfactory.

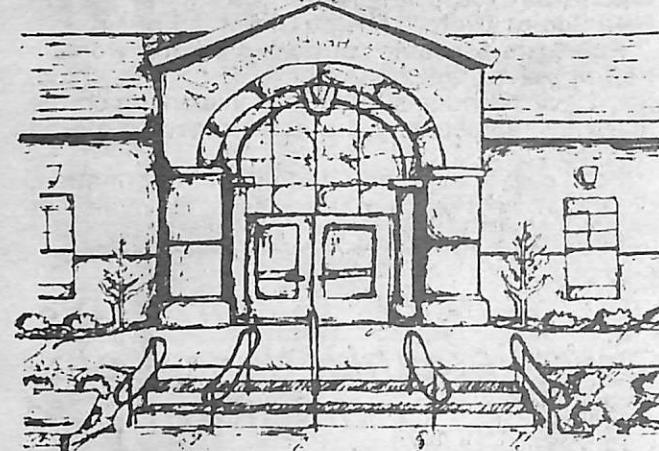
For example, math skills for first and second graders are rated in seven skills, including, understands math concepts, uses problem solving techniques, uses math vocabulary, and knows basic addition and subtraction facts. Third and fourth grade students are evaluated in nine separate skill areas in math.

Third and fourth graders will have their performance evaluated on a similar report, except that science and social studies will now appear as academic subject areas to be assessed using the achievement scale rather than the performance scale.

AHS "Art Student"...



STEPHAN FERREIRA (above), a junior at Agawam High School, is the "Art Student of the Month" for October. The son of Steve Ferreira of Ludlow and Lisa Ferreira of Agawam, Stephan enjoys music, computers, and drawing, and hopes to major in and make a career in art. BELOW: Stephan designed the cover of the invitations for the recently held Accreditation Team Dinner. Top photo by Jack Devine.



Agawam Schools Closed Oct. 19th For Professional Dev.

On Monday, October 19, 1998, the Agawam Public Schools will conduct a full day of professional development for all PreK - 12 staff.

Consequently, schools will not be in session on that day, since teachers will spend the entire day attending various workshops and training sessions.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 20, 1998.

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AHS Guidance News...

Campus Visits Are Essential When It Comes To Making The Right Choice For College

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How can you best learn what makes a college different from others with similar faculties, facilities, and curricula? The quick campus visit is a good beginning, but it may not take you far below the surface. Guide books, catalogues, and admissions officers alone can not convey those essential, subtle qualities which make one place different from another.

There is one very simple solution: try spending a day or two in the role of a student at the top few colleges on your list. This may help you narrow your list to that final college of choice.

Subjective factors — the "chemistry" between you and a college ultimately determines the quality of your experience there, both academically and socially.

College admission staff willingly invite students to sample the flavor of their campus by spending time on the campus, attending a variety of classes, speaking with students informally over meals in the dining commons, discussing your interests with members of the faculty, seeking out athletic coaches and directors of activities such as music, theater, art, and debate. They can also arrange for you to spend a night in a residence hall as the guest of a student host.

If you have not already had an interview, you may do so when you visit. (Be careful, some schools may have interview deadlines.) Call the admissions office at least one week in advance; you will usually be welcomed at any time except during exam and vacation periods.

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions of your life. Do your homework thoroughly; base your choice upon careful research, good advice from your counselor, and most of all, first-hand experience.

If you have any questions or concerns about the college planning process, call your son's/daughter's guidance counselor.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

I. MAKE-UP WORK AND EXTRA HELP

Students frequently need make-up work and extra help. Concerned teachers give freely of their time after school to assist their students. Every teacher is expected to stay at least one day each week for this purpose. The following schedule is in effect at the high school:

MONDAY - English, Art.

TUESDAY - Math, Business Education, Physical Education.

WEDNESDAY - World Language, Social Studies, Music.

THURSDAY - Science, Family/Consumer Science, Technical Education.

II. SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WARNING NOTICES

Notices issued on or about the following dates:

TERM I - Friday, October 9, 1998.

TERM II - Friday, December 18, 1998.

TERM III - Friday, March 12, 1999.

TERM IV - Friday, May 2, 1999.

III. SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MARKING PERIODS/REPORT CARDS

Marking period ends November 6, 1998; report cards issued November 13, 1998.

Marking period ends January 22, 1999; report cards issued February 5, 1999.

Marking period ends April 8, 1999; report cards issued April 16, 1999.

(The last marking period of the 1998-1999 school year has yet to be determined, as well as the date on which the last report cards will be issued.)

Incomplete grades must be made up within TWO WEEKS after the beginning of the new marking period.

If you have any questions about these dates or policies, or if you are wondering if your child received a warning notice, please call the guidance office at 821-0527.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 19th: SUNY Albany, 8:30; St. Anselm College, 1:15.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition: To enter, a student or pair of students must create and build a working device powered by Duracell batteries. Devices should perform a practical function. This competition is open to students in grades nine through 12. Deadline: January 15, 1999.

The following colleges are offering merit scholarships to deserving students who attend that institution: **Champlain College** and **Washington University of St. Louis**.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

Emerson College: November 14th.

UMass Dartmouth: November 8th.

St. Joseph's College: October 23rd.

Regis College: October 24th.

University of Vermont: October 17th, October 25th, and November 8th.

American International College: October 24th.

Hesser College: October 17th and November 15th.

Husson College: November 14th.

Wentworth Institute of Technology: November 1st and November 22nd.

Mitchell College: October 17th.

LeMoyne College: October 25th.

Career Day in Architecture: Thirty colleges will be present to meet with interested students who plan to pursue a major in architecture. This program will be held in Cambridge on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Culinary Arts Career Fair: Will be held at The Inn of Essex (VT) on Sunday, October 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to meet with chefs from different facilities.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 19th: No lunches served (In-Service Day).

Tuesday, October 20th: Personal round pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Wednesday, October 21st: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, fresh Mac apple or midnight chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, October 22nd: Taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, mild taco sauce, bread & butter, chocolate oatmeal bar, milk.

Friday, October 23rd: Tuna salad sandwich in roll or Fluffernutter, French fries with catsup, creamy pineapple cole slaw, ice cream, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

"Pumpkin Night" Slated For October 29th At Agawam High

The Agawam High School Band will be sponsoring "Pumpkin Night" at AHS on Thursday, October 29th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, and this includes admission to the Jack-O-Lantern/pumpkin patch and Haunted Hay Field.

Face painting will be available for donations, and there will be refreshments for purchase.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Meade at 789-6062.

Junior High PTO To Meet On Monday, October 26th

The Agawam Junior High School PTO will hold its next meeting on Monday, October 26th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All interested parents and teachers are invited to attend.

(Subsequent meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month.)

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AIRBRUSH ARTIST Sal Persico, who painted T-shirts at Agawam Junior High School earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

News From The Agawam Junior High School PTO

The Agawam Junior High School PTO held its first meeting on Monday, September 28th. Past meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and a report from this year's fundraising chairperson, were presented.

Six requests were discussed, voted on, and all approved.

The Art Department has requested funds to bring Mr. Sal Persico, an airbrush artist from Springfield into the school. They will raffle off two T-shirts per class that Mr. Persico will paint during that period. The Social Studies Department will once again bring Guy Morin (depicting a British soldier) and Robert Kennan (an American soldier) as they study the American Revolution.

Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger, the Substance Abuse Counselor, requested funds to purchase literature, posters, and flipcharts to aid her in tackling the issue of teen smoking. Funding was also requested for buses to transport the "peer mediators" to the Agawam Police Station for their three-day training and for prizes for "Project Rebound."

Last year, the eighth-grade students raised \$209 in ticket sales from their annual celebration. The money was set aside to be donated to a local charity. Many ideas were raised, and it was decided to use the money to support the Agawam

Junior Women's Club in its effort to give holiday gifts to needy families in town.

Jim Frantz was a guest speaker who told us about an effort being undertaken to improve communication between students, parents, faculty, and the community. For more information, call 786-6974.

A reminder to all clubs, civic organizations, etc.: please remember to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance. Thank you - AAN!!!

Granger Elem. School Launches National "Technology" Prog.

Granger Elementary School announced recently that it has launched the national A-Plus America Free Technology For Schools program. Parents and community members who want our school to get the latest technology at no cost can make purchases from socially-responsible companies that give something back to our community.

There is no need to make extra purchases. Simply buy what you want from corporate sponsors and turn receipts into the school. It's that simple!

Granger Elementary School has already earned 411,635 points by participating and hopes to earn even more this year by involving more of our community.

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Sprint is another example. Existing and new Sprint customers can set up their residential long distance account so that a percentage of their phone bill will automatically be credited to our school for free technology. On average, for each 80 Sprint customers registered to our school, the school will get a free multimedia computer every year, based on an industry average of \$30 in long distance phone calls per month for each customer.

Our school ID number is 01030032, and the Sprint number to call is (800) 233-6080 for new customers, and (800) 268-9849 for existing customers.

A complete Sponsor Guide for our school is available from Wendy Matys at (413) 789-1400, or just send your receipts to Wendy Matys, c/o Granger Elementary School, 31 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030-2701.

Other school officials interested in participating to earn free technology can call A-Plus America at (800) 706-5500.

'Parents Anonymous' Is Open To The Public

Parents Anonymous (PA) is a free and confidential support group for parents who would like their relationship with their children to be less stressful. At PA, parents have an opportunity to talk with others who may be having the same problems and fears and learn to deal with the stress of parenting in ways that are healthier and happier for the entire family.

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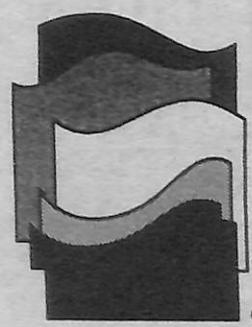
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Girls' Gymnastics Still Unbeaten...

Brownies Take Tri-Meet & Gear Up For Westfield

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' gymnastics team, at presstime, is unbeaten at 8-0 (7-0 in the league). The defending Western Mass. champs' last two wins were a week ago in a tri-meet against Minnechaug Regional and Amherst Regional.

It's a great feeling for Coach Angela Sullivan. "We have so many talented kids on this team. Our headliners are (co-captain) Lindsey Hadden, a senior, and junior Leila Sekkal. But the other ones excel because they use Lindsey and Leila as role models," the coach noted.

Hadden and Sekkal battle on the bars for the top spot in every competition. However, senior Amanda Peters and sophomore Elizabeth Clark are close behind them.

In last week's meet, Clark tied Sekkal for third with a 7.25. Also, solid senior co-captain Lisa Marsh is starting to work on the bars — a discipline she hasn't attempted before.

Most of the kids execute a handspring on the vault. Sekkal and freshman Sara Tremblay have put a little spice into their routine with a handspring into a twist, according to the coach.

Sekkal and Hadden are usually one, two on the beam. The coach noted that Marsh is starting to come on in that exercise as well.

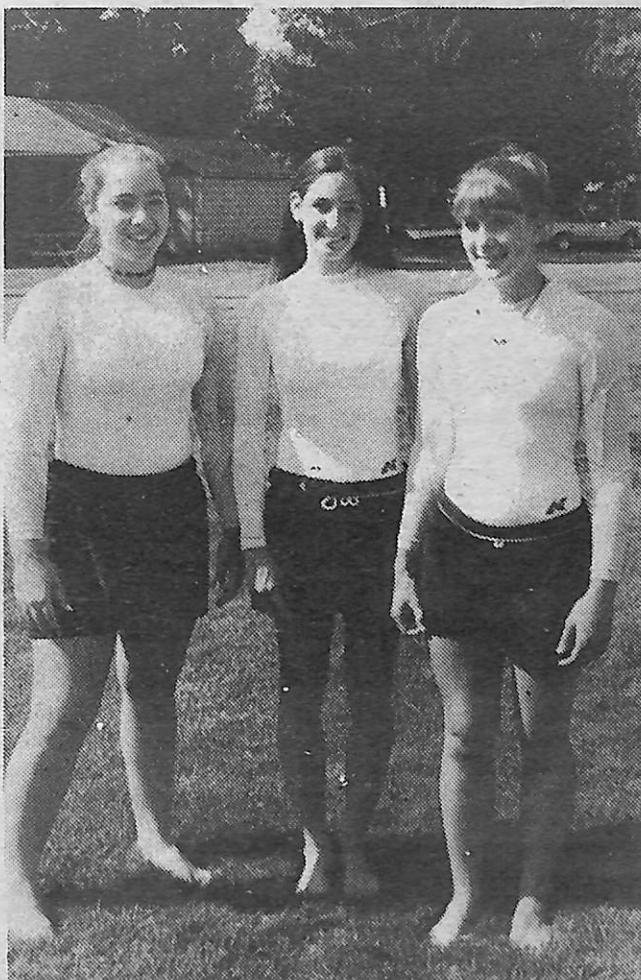
Sekkal is still tops on the floor. She took first last week. But Sullivan noted that freshman Michelle Cote is performing well, too. Cote had a second in the Minnechaug/Amherst meet.

Sekkal and Hadden are usually somewhere in the top three for the all-around title, as they have been for most of their careers.

"So far this year, we are ahead of where we were last season. And we still haven't reached our full potential yet," Sullivan said.

At presstime, they were preparing for a big meet at Gateway Regional against Gateway and Westfield High. The Bombers are 7-1 and a major roadblock in the way of another Western Mass. title for Agawam.

"After Thursday (October 15th), we'll have a good idea of just where we stand," Sullivan said.



SENIOR PLAYERS ON THE as-yet-undefeated Agawam High School gymnastics team (from left to right): co-captain Lindsey Hadden, co-captain Lisa March, and Amanda Peters. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Minnechaug Gets Revenge...

Agawam Falls To Falcons, 27-13, In Schoolboy Football Contest

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Minnechaug Regional quarterback Mike McCloskey had a bone to pick with the Brownies last Saturday afternoon before a decent Columbus Day Weekend crowd at soggy Harmon Smith Field.

To be more specific, it had to do with a bone in his ankle which the Brownies broke in their 35-20 win in Wilbraham last season. It knocked the senior out for the final six games in 1997.

"Yeah, I had plenty of time to think about it," McCloskey said. Then he added, "Revenge is nice."

So it was, as the Falcons rode the emotion of their signal caller (21-33, 230 yards, 1 TD; plus 1 TD on the ground) to a 27-13 win. The Brownies suffered no broken bones in this one, but did manage to shoot themselves in the foot with four turnovers, three of them coming in the second half when they were working on a 7-all tie.

Banging Heads Through First Quarter

Both clubs basically banged heads throughout the first quarter, which was highlighted by a Brian Gallagher 11-yard run, a sack of McCloskey by Bob Fuller, and some tough defense courtesy of Marc Pedraza, who was slightly injured himself. "Marc is nursing a sprained ankle," Coach Dean Vecchiarelli noted.

Agawam found itself camped on the Minnechaug 23 to start the second 12 minutes. They worked the ball to the 19 yard line behind some good running by Gallagher. On second and 13, senior tailback Mike O'Connor got the call and swept around left end for a 19-yard score with 2:04 gone. Agawam went up 7-0 on the extra point.

The ensuing kickoff saw the Falcons nesting deep in their own territory at the 13. They started to march and managed, behind an assortment of McCloskey ariels, to move the ball to their own on a fourth and seven, at the 43. Falcon Coach John Mayo decided to gamble. The pass was incomplete and the Brownies took it over in superb field position. They promptly coughed up the ball, which led, eventually, to Minnechaug's first score of the game - a two-yard plunge by McCloskey. The extra point knotted it up at seven, with 2:25 left in the half. It stayed that way until the horn sounded.

Locals Get First Crack

Agawam had first crack in the second half. A 10-yard kick-off return by Jason Daigneau brought the ball to the Brownie 35. Another Agawam fumble, at 42, saw the Falcons perched on the verge of another score.

Will Holyoke High Even The Score???

AHS Football To Face Purple Knights On The Road This Friday

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If Minnechaug Regional had a beef with Agawam High, you can imagine how it's going to be when the Brownies journey to Holyoke High on Friday night for a game against the Purple Knights.

You might remember last year when the Paper City team traveled to Harmon Smith Field. It left dragging behind a 33-8 loss, which must been a season-long albatross around the necks of the Division IA Super Bowl representatives.

You might also recall that Brian Gallagher had a career game against them, rushing for 256 yards and four touchdowns on 33 carries.

Holyoke is going into this game with a 3-1 record against Agawam's 2-2 slate. The Brownies will have to stop an offense that runs out of the I and boasts many weapons. One of them is All-Western Mass. running back Marcus Humber. The 5'8", 210-pound senior has three touchdowns on the ground and he has thrown for one, which makes him a double threat.

While he isn't the fastest back the Brownies have faced so far, he is probably the most powerful and will be dangerous should the Knights knock on the Agawam door anywhere close to the goal line.

If Humber isn't enough to give a defense fits, then Holyoke's senior quarterback, Fernando Rodriguez, will fill the bill. He has four TD's on the ground and one through the air so far and is a big-time threat on the rollout.

When Rodriguez rolls, he can also exercise the option. The guy on the receiving end will most likely be Rafael Martinez, a sophomore who has three TD receptions this year. Martinez isn't that big, but his 4.4 speed will put pressure on the Agawam defensive backs. Tight end Hector Reyes, a 5'11", 230-pound senior, is another outlet guy and a good blocker on sweeps.

The Holyoke offensive line features 6'3", 300-pound guard Erich Mann and 6'2", 235-pound tackle Tim Pratt. They're excellent blockers, especially on the sweeps featured by the Knights. The line averages 220 pounds per man.

Defensively, they feature a 4-4 or 4-3 set. Their defensive line is anchored by 6', 230-pound Brandon Quinn. Their linebackers, led by Humber and 5'7", 210-pound senior Keimy Rodriguez, are experienced, active, and not afraid to blitz. Their defensive backs, not known as interceptors, are fast and can cover, and are equally proficient at zone or man.

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JV Football Vs Minnechaug...

Brownies Pluck The Falcons' Wings, 16-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Two days after the Minnechaug Regional varsity football team came to town, the junior varsity players showed up at Harmon Smith Field for an 11:00 a.m. game on Monday, Columbus Day (October 12th).

While the big guys had somewhat of a problem keeping possession of the football, the young Brownies gave a clinic on how to drive an offense crazy.

On their way to a 16-0 win, the Brownies recorded two interceptions by Phil Sampson and Jeff Tedone; a fumble recovery by Edwin Torres; and an incredible 10 sacks.

The sackmasters were led by sophomore Isidro Aquinaga (four), Tony Liquori (3½), Nick Beaudette (one), and junior Dennis Liptak (1½). Liptak also had a blocked punt.

These kids chased the Falcons' quarterbacks all the way to Wilbraham and back, or so it seemed.

Agawam's first touchdown came two minutes into the second quarter on a third and 20 at the Minnechaug 32-yard line. Brownie quarterback Vic Romano (1-6, 1 TD, 1 int.) rolled left and spotted Alex Almquist all alone over the middle for the score. Romano ran for the two-point conversion, putting his club up, 8-0.

Romano ran for the next Agawam touchdown. The 6'3", 175-pound junior executed a quarterback keeper on second and four at Minnechaug's 37 with 1:30 gone in the fourth quarter. And 63 yards later, he crossed the goal line. The two-point try failed, but the Brownies had too much defense for the Falcons the rest of the way.

Peach Basket Festival Tennis Tournament Set For Nov. 7th-8th

The annual Peach Basket Festival Tennis Tournament, a competition for men's doubles in two divisions, is set for November 7th and 8th at the Ludlow Tennis Club.

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The tennis tourney is one of three sporting competitions leading up to the Peach Basket Festival's marquee event, the annual Tip-Off Classic, which this year features Kansas and Nevada-Las Vegas on November 27th at the Springfield Civic Center.

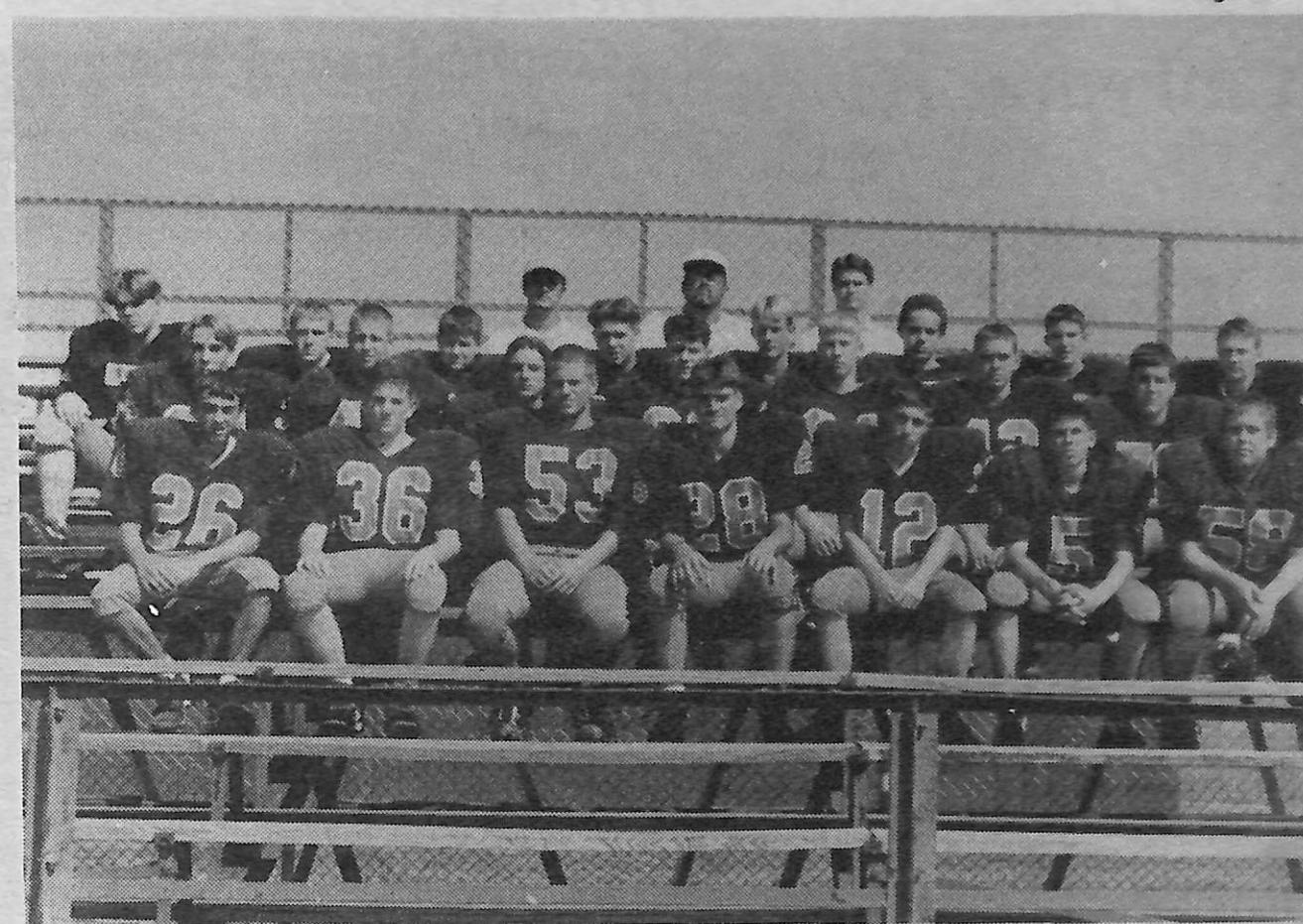
Working with Dill on the tennis committee are John Hughes (general manager of the Ludlow Tennis Club), Fred and Andrea LaPlace, Jerry Radding, and Bill Sullivan.

In last year's tournament finals, A.J. Chakrabati and Mark Gelinus of South Hadley beat Springfield's Edsel Ford and Hartford's Calvin Dees in the A division. John Teller of Palmer and Mike Lazzari of Hampden took the B division title.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in, mailed in, or faxed to us on Mondays. Thank you!

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THE MEMBERS OF THE 1998 junior varsity football team at Agawam High School. On Columbus Day (Monday, October 12th), the young Brownies welcomed visiting Minnechaug Regional and wound up with a superb 16-0 victory. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Another Weapon

And they have another weapon, which might play a role should it be a close game, in place kicker Tim Lastowski. He already has a 32-yard field goal this season in their 23-13 win over Amherst.

Agawam must be aggressive in this one. When they back off a bit, trouble is usually not far behind. This week, Coach Dean Vecchiarelli has been stressing hard-hitting, in-your-face football on both offense and defense.

The Brownies may go with more speed in the backfield. Mike O'Connor could pair up with Gallagher. Gallagher still has the shoulder problem, but he doesn't let it bother him on offense or defense. Quarterback Brian St. Jean injured his throwing wrist in the Minnechaug game. He has practiced sparingly this week and is day-to-day. If he can't go, Jason Daigneau will be the signal caller.

In their four games, Holyoke has averaged 19.25 points to Agawam's 18.25. The Knights have given up 17 points a game. The Brownies have allowed 20.25. Neither club has played a common opponent.

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Schoolgirl Soccer...**Cathedral Blitzes Brownies, 6-0**

**by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor**

There was a raging Panther loose at Harmon Smith Field on a damp and dark Tuesday evening and there wasn't a tranquilizer gun to be found. That Panther was of the purple variety as in the Cathedral High School girls' soccer team. They clawed the Brownies to the tune of 6-0.

Agawam Coach Mary Murray had said before the game that Cathedral could be beaten. Indeed, they had fallen to a Central Mass. power after winning their first 10 contests this season and had recently tied West Springfield.

But Murray, who coached Cathedral girls' soccer for many years before coming to the Brownies, probably harbored a doubt or two, or three.

Those doubts might have surfaced from the get-go when the Panthers started out in high gear, went to overdrive, then hit light speed. They had two testing shots on the Brownie net with under two minutes gone in the game. They had Agawam stuck in its own zone without a shot on net for most of the initial 10 minutes of the first half.

At 28:04, Casey Fitzgerald launched a rocket from 40 feet out in the center of the box. Only a gutsy effort by sophomore keeper Laura Bucalo stopped a score. By this time, the defense in front of her was being asked to play a little too much 'D.' But fullbacks Amanda Merola, Kate Shannon, Kara Tierney, and sweeper Sheri Benton stepped up and took the Panthers' best shots. Tierney dove into a crowd with 13:30 gone and kicked a ball headed for an open left corner and out of harm's way.

Agawam had its first serious penetration into the Cathedral zone at 24:17. Their first shot on net, a weak effort, came with 20:43 left in the half. By that time, the visitors had recorded six bids and all were substantial, at that.

Just A Matter Of Time

It was just a matter of time before the Panthers' offensive onslaught paid off. With 19:03 to play, Cindy Lilly launched 40 feet out on the left side of the box and hit the upper right corner of the Agawam net. The Panthers had another prime opportunity three minutes later when the ball rattled around loose 20 feet in front of the Agawam net. Bucalo went down trying to track the ball. A shot screamed out of the crowd, but senior captain Jess Dutton managed to get a foot on it for a deflection.

Agawam was trying to mount some kind of offense behind Gina Loudfoot, Amanda Tilden, Jill Gendron, and Ann Paquette. The Cathedral midfielders, however, were heading off their attacks at the top of the zone and dumping the ball back towards the Brownie goal.

With 7:09 left, a lofted shot from the top of the box had a bead on the high right corner. Bucalo leapt and knocked the ball away. The rebound came out and the outstanding Mary McVeigh, off a Melanie Mucha assist, tapped it home. Make the score 2-0, Cathedral.

It had to be a frustrating time for the Brownies. Their defense was not playing all that poorly, but their offense just couldn't get untracked at all. Agawam was just fighting for survival as the half wound down. The 2-0 deficit they saw on the board when the siren sounded could have been worse. Agawam had one first-half shot on goal. The Panthers took 11, most of them hard and right on.

The Brownies were back on defense from the beginning of the second half. With 3:10 gone, however, Paquette hustled down the right wing, had a lane from 50 feet out, but couldn't get off a shot. A minute later, Tierney let one go from the right wing that was right on. Cathedral keeper Crystal Stanton was right on it, however.

With 7:16 gone, the Agawam defense dug in behind Benton and Merola. But too many Panther chances saw another score at 32:11 and for all intents and purposes, with Cathedral up 3-0, the game was all purple.

Senior Franca Bonavita replaced Bucalo shortly after that score. The sophomore who'd filled in for the injured starter had played well and the fans gave her a warm ovation. Murray just felt Bonavita should be back in the net. A minute after she settled in, McVeigh welcomed her back with a 40-foot rocket from the left side of the box that sailed over Bonavita's outstretched hands. It was McVeigh's second score of the game, and it was a great one at that.

Cathedral would hit the back of the net twice more before it was over. The final score on Agawam was an own goal, thus topping off a frustrating evening. The Brownies had six shots on net for a total of seven. Cathedral took seven for a game total of 18. Agawam fell to 4-5-3. Cathedral, which has clinched a playoff berth in the Coombs Division, went to 11-1-1 and will undoubtedly be the top seed in the Division I Western Mass. Tournament.

Profile...**Goalie Franca Bonavita Has Confidence In This Year's Girls' Varsity Soccer Team**

**by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor**

Agawam High girls' soccer goalie Franca Bonavita is into her senior season with the Brownies. She is 17 years-old and is a member of the Class of 1999. Her four years of secondary education have been spent at AHS.

She has completed all her required courses and now has a chance to study some subjects that she hopes will aid her in the future. "Currently, I'm taking psychology, sociology, and English. I'm a year ahead in my math, having finished them last year," she noted. Her favorite course is psychology. Psychology instructor Edward Merrill is her top teacher.

Franca already has a college in mind - Fordham University in the Bronx, New York. She would like to pursue a career in child psychology.

She is solely a soccer player at Agawam High School. In the past, however, she played basketball and spun the discus in track and field. Franca has been a soccer goalie since she was 10 years-old and it is her favorite place to play in the sport.

"I think my most memorable sports moment came two summers ago at the Suffield (Connecticut) Tournament. I was the goalie on the 18 year-old team and we won the championship in that division," she smiled. *****

She has this take on the High School team so far this season: "We're better than a lot of people think we are. The start was slow, but we had big wins over Westfield, Central, and East Longmeadow. That one over EL was especially pleasing because last year, they kept us out of the division championship." AHS is 4-5-3 at presstime.

She likes to chow down on angel hair pasta, with a marinara sauce on top. Blue is her favorite color. "I used to have a goalie uniform that was blue and green," the senior said. Her favorite set of wheels is a Dodge Viper. "No, I don't own one," she pointed out.

Professional soccer goalie Tony Meola is her favorite athlete. The New England Revolution in the Men's Professional Soccer League is her top team.

When Franca kicks back, it is usually at Hampton Beach, noting that there are so many kids there, things are always interesting. She dresses in American Eagle and Abercrombie & Fitch duds, with her taste running to the casual.

"I like all kinds of music, but my favorite is the Dave Matthews Band," Franca said. Her top offering on the tube is "Dawson's Creek." "Armageddon" is her favorite flick.

Franca's mom is Adele. Anthony is her dad. She has a brother, Carlo, who is currently a sophomore at Fordham.

Girls' Soccer Vs Spartans...

FRANCA BONAVITA

She says her parents are people she looks up to, along with a cousin, Oni, who attended Longmeadow High.

When her days are done at AHS, Franca would like to be remembered as a good kid with a sense of humor who was also a good soccer player.

Her coach, Mary Murray, had this to say of her senior keeper: "Franca came in ready this year and beat out eight other candidates for the starting job. She has talent and skill."

Franca is coming back after a two-week layoff because of an elbow injury. She performed admirably and with great team spirit for AHS before being injured.

Brownies Leave East Longmeadow With Satisfying 1-0 Victory

**by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor**

The Agawam High girls' soccer team went into East Longmeadow last Friday night. They were on a roll, coming off a 2-all tie against a tough and ranked Longmeadow High team, and a 2-1 win over a pretty solid Central High club. The Brownies would record the only score they would need in their 1-0 win over ELM with 1:54 gone in the game.

Junior midfielder Jen Lyman got it (her third of the season) out of a melee in front. The ball was sent into the crowd by wing Gina Loudfoot, for her second assist of the year.

The Agawam offense then forced the Spartans to play defense until 29:39, when they finally got the ball consistently past midfield and into the Brownie zone. Agawam game them less than 30 seconds of offensive opportunity before some tough midfield play by Jill Gendron, Amanda Tilden, Amy Paquette, Loudfoot, and fullback Kate Shannon punched the ball back into ELM territory.

The Spartans' first shot on the Agawam net came at 22:50 (so dominating was the Brownie defense led by sweeper Sheri Benton and fullbacks Kara Tierney and Amanda Merola). With 22:20 gone in the half, East Longmeadow had spent only 1:15 of that time in the Agawam zone.

Agawam had more chances in the first half. With 6:50 left, Pam Gervais just missed an open left corner from 60 feet out. There were three minutes to go when Loudfoot, who is always around the ball, had a shot from the middle of the box and lofted it just over the crossbar. The half ended at 1-0, Agawam. The Brownies had six shots on net. East Longmeadow had one.

The Brownie Defense Was Not Impressed...

The Spartans came out strong to start the second half. The Brownie defense was not impressed. Midfielder Melissa Cote (who played an outstanding game), Gendron, and Kornelia Moysis stepped up and busted up the effort. Sophomore keeper Laura Bucalo made the save of the game with 11:51 gone in the second half. A Spartan drive from 15 yards out on the left forced her to go airborne and parallel to the ground for the stop.

East Longmeadow seemed to find a charge around the 22:58 mark. Much as they had done against Central, the Agawam defense labored to blunt the Spartans' rush. Benton broke up a Spartan thrust down the right wing that could have spelled trouble.

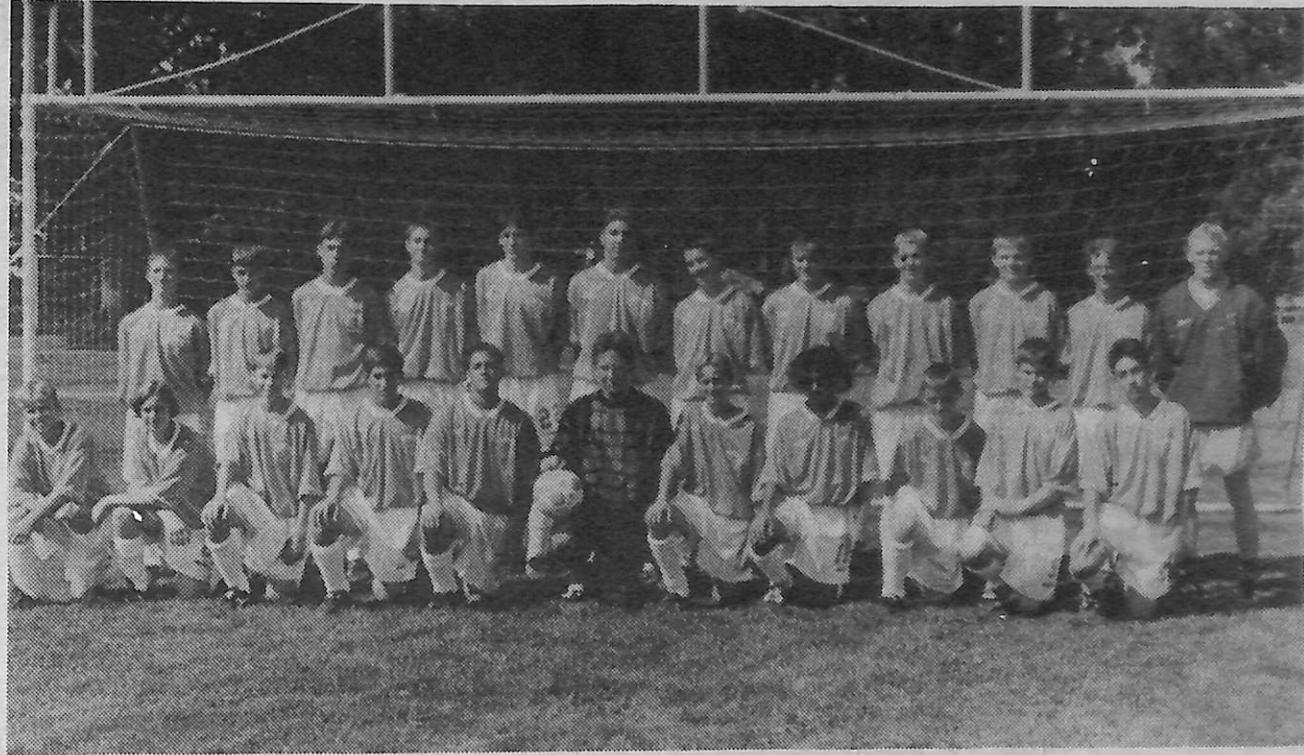
Bucalo, playing superb goal since coming in for the injured Franca Bonavita two weeks ago, had two more outstanding saves — one with 6:20 left, and another at the 3:21 mark to preserve the shutout and the win. Agawam had five second-half shots on net for a total of 11. East Longmeadow came in with four and a total of five.

ELM's keeper also had a strong game and made a spectacular save off a Cote headball that came from a corner kick midway through the second half.

The win raised the Agawam record to 4-4-3. East Longmeadow fell to 3-6-1.

"We'll take the win. We're on a four-game unbeaten streak. They played well in this one. The important thing is that I didn't want them to lose their momentum here and they didn't. We now have 11 points in 11 games. That is good for us, so far," Brownie Coach Mary Murray stressed.

Agawam High's Freshman Boys' Soccer Team...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Captain Michael Crough, Coach Jeff Rousseau, and captain Erick Serna. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** front row - Jared Hamre, Brian Hearn, Richard Gardner, Michael DeCaro, Nate Patterson, Evan Machos, Steve Kunkler, Erick Serna, Jon Sikes, Anthony Valenti, and Adam Rovithis; standing - John Lynch, Jamie Delpeschio, Michael Carmody, Michael Crough, Colin Murray, Vinnie Tirone, Matt Ligenza, Brian McGuire, Brian Knight, Matt McGraph, Adam Tapply, and Coach Jeff Rousseau. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Boys' Soccer Vs West Side... AHS Frustrated By 1-0 Loss To Terriers In Smith Division

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team had an evening which was almost as frustrating as that of the Brownie girls vs. Cathedral. They traveled to West Springfield High for a battle against the undefeated archrival Terriers and came away with a 1-0 loss in the Smith Division contest.

For most of the way it was a defensive battle that seemed to be headed for a scoreless tie. It would have made some sense, too. West Side already had four ties to go along with four wins and no losses. Agawam was 4-4-2.

Then, with 11:01 to go in the game, the Terriers got the only score they would need, despite some heavy pressure by Barry Ward, Brian Lopes, Jay Flood, and Jonathan Ashwell. Ward and Ashwell, in particular, had great opportunities as the game wound down.

Ward, just before West Side scored, almost took advantage of a mistake when a Terriers defender back-kicked the ball in front of the goalmouth. Ward was there and had a header from 20 feet out with some room to maneuver. But it bounced off his noggin' and over the crossbar.

With 1:20 to go and the Brownies in full attack mode, a shooting lane opened for Flood who was in the box on the right side. The entire left side of the goal was his. He launched a hard ground ball that just went a foot by the left post.

Brownie Coach Dwight Northrup looked at things this way: "Sure, I was disappointed with the loss. But I wasn't disappointed with the effort the kids put out. We had plenty of opportunities to score, both in the first and second halves. It just wasn't meant to be."

The Brownies' record went to 4-5-2 and 1-3 in the tough Smith Division. West Springfield rose to 5-0-4 and 3-0-2 in the Smith.

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A reminder to all clubs, civic organizations, etc.: please remember to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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This Week In Junior Varsity And Freshman Sports Action

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

JV BOYS' SOCCER - The Agawam High junior varsity boys' soccer team beat West Springfield High Tuesday night, 1-0, to run its record to 10-0-1. Aaron Gilbert got the Brownies' goal 22 seconds into the game on an assist by Josh Dickman. The Agawam defense was highlighted by good performances courtesy of sweeper Matt Quinn and stopper Jim Evans.

FRESHMAN BOYS' SOCCER - The freshman boys' soccer team beat West Springfield, 2-1, Tuesday afternoon. Both young Brownie scores happened in the first half. Number one came on a penalty shot by Adam Rovithis. Brian Hearn got the second on an assist from Matt Ligenza. Their record now stands at 7-0-1.

JV GIRLS' SOCCER - The junior varsity girls'

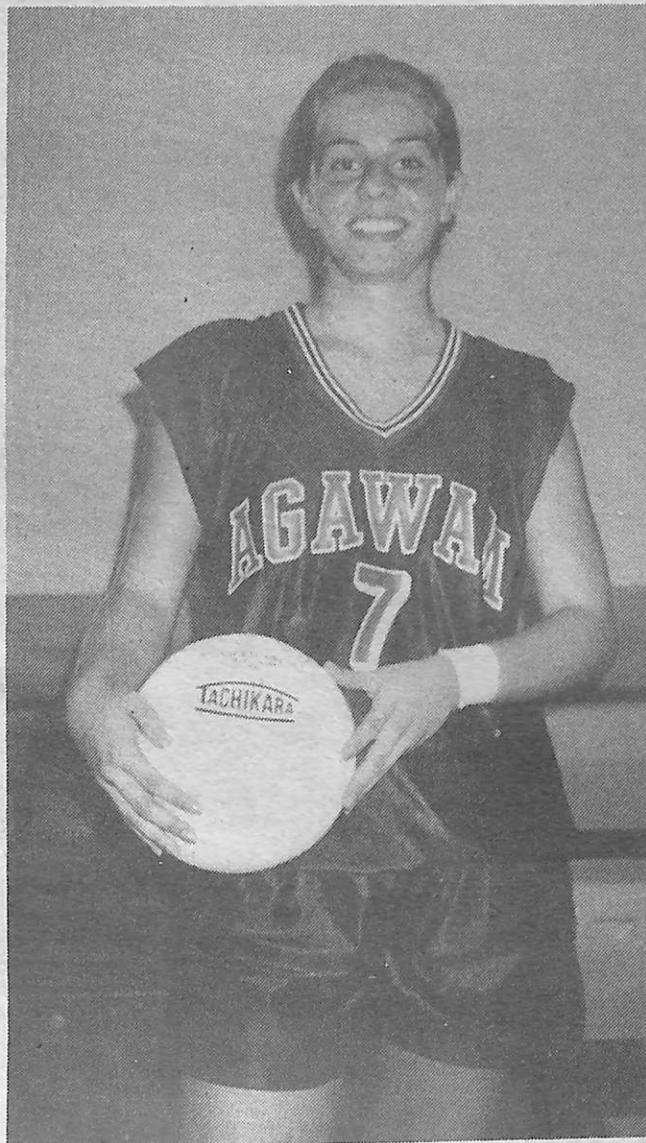
soccer team lost their second game of the season, 3-1, to Cathedral Tuesday evening. They had given up only two goals in 10 games to that point. "It just wasn't our night," Coach Lynda Kunasek said of the festivities. Desiree Marsili scored the lone Brownie goal. They now stand at 9-2.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL - The freshman football team came away with a 12-12 tie against Minnechaug last Friday afternoon. They were on the young Falcons' two-yard line with time running out, but according to Coach Chris Benjamin, they were out of timeouts and, therefore, couldn't get in the play they felt would have led to the winning score. They fell to 1-2.

The 1998 Freshman Field Hockey Team...



BACK ROW: Nicole Conte, Megan O'Krongly, Jamie Wilson, Maureen Skehan, Katherine Sheehan, Kara Gilhooly, Lauren Gaffney, Sarah Ritter, Kristin Mantolesky, Ashley King, and Coach Katie Berry. **FRONT ROW:** Jessica Roy, Caira Dominguez, Krista Wheeler, Alyssa Goodrow, Elizabeth Dowd, Lina Capaccio, Courtney Nowill, Kara Domonick. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EXCHANGE STUDENT JULIANA BATISTA, the leader of Agawam High's girls' volleyball team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Volleyball Skills Program To Begin At Spfld. Turnverein

A volleyball skills development program for youths will be starting on Friday, October 16th, at the Springfield Turnverein.

The program will run for nine weeks and will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball. The basics of setting, passing, blocking, serving, and hitting will be taught. In addition to learning individual skills, the players will also put their skills to use in team play.

This nine-week program will be offered at no charge, but you must register before October 16th (the number of applications to this program may be limited due to court size, so early registration is advised). The program is open to any Junior High or High School students, and it will run on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

A registration form may be picked up at the Springfield Turnverein on Thursday evenings (after 8:00 p.m.) in the gym.

The Springfield Turnverein is located on Garden Street in Feeding Hills (just off Route 57).

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TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws Chapter 138, that K & M, Inc., d/b/a Alexander's, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, has applied for Transfer of License, Transfer of Stock, New Officers/Directors, Pledge of License and Transfer of Manager, to Charles A. Grasso. Building consisting of: lounge and banquet facility, foyer and storage area, kitchen, excluding the hallway to the racquetball courts. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 20, 1998, at 7:00 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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'Enthusiasm' Distinguishes The AHS Girls' Volleyball Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' volleyball team was scheduled to play at Westfield Tuesday afternoon. But the Bombers' gym had some technical problems, which forced postponement of the game. So, Coach Pat Demers had a chance to reflect on her first-year team, which is 0-8, but making the effort.

Demers feels there is one essential ingredient for her club to grab their initial victory for the program: "They need more confidence in their ability to put a whole game together. Now they are playing as a team. That's a step in the right direction," she noted.

Enthusiasm A Strong Point

The coach feels their enthusiasm is a strong point. "I stress to them that the game is fun and should be approached that way," Demers said. They still have to work on their passing, which is just what they did in lieu of the Westfield game. "It's one pass, two passes, and shoot. They're getting the picture slowly, but surely. You can't be a spiker without the good passing game," she said.

They are serving well, according to the coach. Because of that, the points are starting to come. "We've been going to three games in our most recent matches (matches are the best two of three

games) and scoring 10 or 12 points in those games. Now, we have to learn to close out those games."

In their last match against Belchertown High, they fell in three games. But it was the closest they'd been to a victory all season.

"We were up 10-8 in the final game before they came back and beat us. We just aren't used to being in that position," Demers said. "The kids can feel our first win is just around the corner."

There are a bunch of kids who are improving with each match. Sophomore Kara Barnes and senior Shelley Rose are two mentioned by the coach. "They are both scrappers," she said. Elizabeth Stieg, a sophomore, was another one who received praise from the coach. "All the starters are improving, actually. Among them is Nina Konig. Nina was so shy when she first came out. Now she's outgoing and an important member of the team."

The team leader is senior Juliana Battista, an exchange student from Brazil. "Juliana has a great deal of experience in volleyball and acts as a role model for the others," Demers said. Another senior who has performed well is Barbara Maloni of basketball and track fame.

Riverside Speedway Slates First 'Breakfast Of Champions' For Oct. 30th

Riverside Park Speedway and KIX 97.9 FM will join forces to host the "Breakfast of Champions" at the Speedway on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

The Track Champions in each of Riverside Park's seven NASCAR Winston Racing Series divisions have been invited, along with Champions from other local tracks, and NASCAR Touring divisions.

"This is a great opportunity for us to show our appreciation and pride in the Champions that have been crowned in 1998," stated Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "This will also be a chance for our Champions to say 'thanks' and share their thoughts on the radio." The three-hour event will be broadcast live on KIX 97.9 FM, a popular country radio station in Springfield, MA.

"I hope we can start a tradition by con-

gratulating the Champions each year with this fun event," continued Lewandoski, "and I hope we can provide an interesting and entertaining radio program for the listeners."

KIX 97.9 FM also brought listeners an inside look at the opening of the Featherlite Modified Series at Riverside Park in March. The country station broadcast its morning show live from the Speedway as the first teams rolled in for practice on March 20th.

NASCAR Racing continues at Riverside Park Speedway on October 31st and November 1st, with the running of the Enfield Pontiac 400. Modifieds and SK Modifieds will headline the eight-division program, with qualifying taking place on Saturday, October 31st, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Features will start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st.

Agawam Recreational Group Night At Springfield Falcons On Fri., Oct. 16th

The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce Agawam Recreational Group Night at the Springfield Civic Center on Opening Night, Friday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Your Springfield Falcons will host the defending Calder Cup Champions, the Philadelphia Phantoms. Celebrate Screech's 5th Birthday Party on ice with all fans receiving a free Falcons magnetic calendar and glow stick for Opening Night Ceremonies.

Discounted tickets are now on sale at the

Agawam Recreation Department Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All adult and senior ticket prices are \$10 and youth tickets (18 yrs. or younger) are \$7. This year, 50 cents from every ticket will be donated to the Recreation Department for youth activities. Downtown parking is FREE in the Civic Center, I-91, and Columbus Ave. parking garages with your ticket stub.

For more information, call the Agawam Recreation Department at 821-0514.

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Agawam "Warrior" Football's 1998 Season Is Underway

The 1998 football season is underway for Agawam's entries in the Suburban Youth Football League. The SYFL was formed in 1965 in Ludlow.

Agawam has three teams in the league: the PeeWee Warriors, the Junior Warriors, and the Senior Warriors.

The teams play all of their home games on Sundays at Memorial Field (located behind Phelps Elementary School). Game times are 12:30 p.m. for the PeeWees, 1:30 p.m. for the Juniors, and 3:00 p.m. for the Seniors.

If you are looking to see some exciting football action and cannot get to Foxboro, come on down and check us out! The next home game for the Warriors will be held on Sunday, October 18th, against West Springfield.

Fall Swim Lessons Offered By Agawam Parks & Rec. Dept.

Youth swim lessons will be offered at the Junior High School Pool. Participants must bring their own bathing suit and towel. The Water Safety Instructor is Jennifer Cunningham.

Lessons meet on Saturday mornings: 11:00 to 11:40 a.m., Pre-School (limit - 12 students); 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Levels 1 & 2 (limit - 15 students); 12:50 to 1:50 p.m., Levels 2-5 (limit - 15 students).

The program begins October 24th and runs for six weeks (this does not include the Thanksgiving weekend). Pre-school lessons are offered to children ages two years, nine months to four years-old; levels 1-5 are offered to children ages five and up.

The fee is \$25, and registration will be accepted at the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department Office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning Monday, October 19th.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

Annual Cheerleader Golf Tourney Slated For Sat., October 17th

The annual Agawam Cheerleader Golf Tournament Fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, beginning with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon at Oak Ridge Country Club.

The entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes a cookout, raffle prizes, and contests such as "closest to the pin" and "longest drive."

For information and/or registration forms, please contact Ken or Sandi at 789-2709.

Hope to see you there!

New Officials Sought For Hampden County Women's Basketball

The Hampden County Board of Women's Basketball Officials is looking for new officials for the upcoming 1998-1999 basketball season.

If you are interested, contact Bob Clark at 569-3398 or Jon Ferris at 786-9459.



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Young "Pep Squad" Makes Its Debut...



THE AGAWAM PEE WEE WARRIORS debuted their new third- and fourth-grade Pep Squad last month (from left to right): Coach Martha Morytko, Julie-Ayn Montalvo, Ashley Juliano, Courtney Cowell, Katelyn Morytko, Linda Fortunato, Lauren Maloney, Rachael Dionne, Katerina Porth, Ashley Brinkman, Lauren Satalatto, Alexandra Hawkes, Jessica Kodess, Makila Messier, Egypt Dunbar, and Coach Shirley Juliano. The cheerleaders have been practicing weekly since August, and the squad is grateful for all the time and effort from the following three cheerleaders from the varsity and junior varsity who instructed the squad: Carey Trauschke, Suzanne Svaduba, and Amanda Lemieux. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Park & Rec. Programs

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department Office is located at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. (right driveway, rear entrance). Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 821-0514.

Cancellations and postponements will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. The department reserves the right to set a maximum for each class and to cancel any class due to insufficient registration.

No unregistered person may attend classes at any time. No babysitting is provided for any programs. Children must be of correct age before class begins.

INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs for anyone injured while participating in or watching any of our Parks and Recreation programs. **Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

The Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any personal belongings which are lost, stolen, or damaged while participating in or watching any of our activities.

ADULT PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: "Fun," recreational program begins September 21st and runs for 10 weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Monday, 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m., \$25/10 weeks or \$3/night.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program begins September 29th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20/8 weeks or \$3/night.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program begins September 29th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL: Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20/8 weeks or \$3/night.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL: Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY begins October 19th at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Participants must be 18 years or older. Proof of age and residency is required for admittance to the program: Monday & Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$2/night.

WALKING GROUP: Anyone interested in walking for exercise is asked to contact the Recreation Office. The program is coordinated by Officer Karen Langevin and participants meet weekly to walk at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Registration for Women's Men's, and Co-Ed Volleyball will be accepted the first night of the

program at the gyms. Registration for Drop-In Basketball is not necessary. The drop-in fee is payable to the site supervisor per visit.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

Fall Softball League - Winston Lee, 781-8186; Men's Over 30 Basketball League - Bob Lottermoser, 786-8639.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PIRANHA'S SWIM TEAM: The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors a competitive swim team for children ages five through 18. The winter session begins October 13th at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL. Registration will be held at the Agawam Public Library Community Room on Tuesday, September 29th and Thursday, October 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors the in-town basketball program for children in grades three through 12. Registration will be held on Thursday, October 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL: Participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball. The program will meet on Saturday mornings and is open to children in grades one and two or who will be six years-old as of January 1, 1999. Registration will be held on Thursday, October 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

YOUTH WRESTLING: The Youth Wrestling Club will hold their registration on Monday, October 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room. The program is open to children in grades four through 12. Fee: \$50. For more information, call Dan Sullivan at 786-6365 or Kirk Parker at 786-6604.

RECREATIONAL SWIM: Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL beginning September 21st: Monday, 7:00-8:45 p.m., \$2 (6 yrs. & up); \$1 (under 6 yrs.).

Disposable diapers or floating devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

Agawam Athletic Association, Bob Hersey, 786-2979; Agawam Basketball Organization, Steve Fox, 789-2425; Agawam Soccer Association, Dave Shaw, 786-0899; Agawam Youth Football, Kirk Parker, 786-6604.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Upland Game Opener Set For Saturday

Area hunters will be taking to the fields and woods on Saturday, October 17th, for the opening of the Massachusetts upland game season. Pheasant have been stocked by the Division in open covers throughout Western Massachusetts.

Wildlife management areas will host the largest group of hunters for the traditionally crowded opening day. Rabbit hunters, along with grouse and woodcock hunters, will make up the balance of the sportsmen enjoying this long-awaited event.

Safety is and should be the number-one concern. We have had a very good record in this state regarding hunter safety. Let's keep it that way! Always keep the safety on until you are ready to squeeze the trigger. Unload the weapon before crossing streams or in any situation where falls could occur.

Those of us who use hunting dogs are reminded that a hunting dog is an athlete. You can't expect world-class performance from your canine partner if he has been lounging around the house all year.

Try to get him out in the field in advance of opening day. Let the dog get some exercise in the open and use this opportunity to reinforce commands and obedience. Opening day is not the time to find out that Rover has gotten so excited by the presence of other dogs and all the shooting, that obedience is forgotten.

After the hunt, take the time to examine your dog to make sure that there are no ticks embedded in his skin or hiding in the dog's fur. Pay attention to the dog's paws. Look for cut pads, thorns, or foreign objects wedged between the toes.

If the dog has been hunting in an area that has poison ivy, oak, or sumac, give him a bath before letting the family handle him. This is a lesson that was learned the hard way! Common sense also tells us to carefully wash your hunting clothes if you have been tramping around in the wrong sort of vegetation.

This may seem like redundant advice for experienced hunters, but a good friend who will only be referred to by his recent nickname of "Itchy" found out the hard way! After his setter retrieved a downed pheasant, "Itchy" lavished praise on the dog and gave him an enthusiastic pat and hug.

It was a damp morning and the dog had been working thick cover on the edge of a meadow. The morning's coffee had run its course, according to the biological laws of fluid dynamics, and ... oh, well, you can guess the rest! By afternoon, "Itchy" was in agony and I was looking to buy stock in the company that makes calamine lotion!

The following is a synopsis of the Massachusetts hunting regulations as published by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife:

OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive) NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

Species	Open season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
Crow ¹	Jan 1 - Apr 10 Jul 1 - Apr 10, 1999	-	-	-
Turkey ²	Spring #1: Apr 27 - May 2 & May 18 - May 23 Spring #2: May 4 - May 16	1 1	1	1
Fall:	Oct 26 - Oct 31	1 1	1	1
Ruffed Grouse ³	Oct 17 - Nov 28	3 6	15	
Pheasant ⁴	Oct 17 - Nov 28	2 4	6	
Quail ⁵	Oct 17 - Nov 28	4 8	20	
	Waterfowl / migratory birds (including woodcock) see migratory bird abstracts.			
Snowshoe Hare ⁶	Eastern Zone: Jan 1 - Feb 5 Oct 17 - Feb 5, 1999	2 4	-	
	Western Zone: Jan 1 - Feb 28 Oct 17 - Feb 27, 1999	2 4	-	
	Dukes and Nantucket: Jan 1 - Feb 5 Nov 16 - Feb 5, 1999	2 4	-	
Cottontail Rabbit	Mainland: Jan 1 - Feb 28 Oct 17 - Feb 27, 1999	5 10	-	
	Dukes and Nantucket: Jan 1 - Feb 28 Nov 16 - Feb 27, 1999	5 10	-	
Opossum ⁷	Jan 1 - Jan 31	-	-	
Raccoon ⁷	Oct 1 - Jan 30, 1999	3	-	
Fox (red or gray)	Jan 1 - Jan 30	-	-	
Coyote ⁸	Jan 1 - Feb 28	-	-	
Bobcat ⁹	Jan 1 - Mar 7	See Note #9		
Gray Squirrel ¹⁰	Eastern Zone: Oct 17 - Jan 2, 1999	5 10	-	
	Western Zone: Sep 14 - Jan 2, 1999	5 10	-	
Jackrabbit ¹¹	Nov 16 - Dec 31	1 2	-	
Black Bear ¹²	Sep 14 - Sep 19	See note #12		
Deer (archery) ¹³	Nov 2 - Nov 21			
Deer (shotgun) ¹³	Zones 1 - 11: 14: Nov 30 - Dec 12			
	Zones 12 - 13: Nov 30 - Dec 5			
Deer (primitive firearm) ¹³	Dec 14 - Dec 19			
Bullfrog		12 24	-	
Green frog ¹⁴	Jul 16 - Sep 30			
Snapping Turtle ¹⁴	Jan 1 - Dec 31			

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See note #13

See note #12

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Eddy Carroll III Adds Regional Title To His Credentials

Eddy Carroll III completed an outstanding 1998 season by capturing his third consecutive Riverside Park Pro Stock Championship, and joined a select group of drivers by also earning the 1998 NASCAR Winston Shorttrack Series New England Regional Championship.

Carroll, who resides in Suffield, Connecticut, will accept his award at the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Banquet in Nashville, Tennessee on November 7th.

Carroll, born in 1967, recalls the days of "watching NASCAR modifieds at Riverside Park Speedway while growing up," and should know a thing or two about the 50 year-old facility. It was Carroll's grandfather, Edward Carroll, Sr., who built the race track inside the amusement park in 1948. "My father and brother started racing at Riverside Park in the late 1980's and asked if I wanted to race as well," said Carroll. "I continued to race after both of them left."

Over the next 10 years, Carroll honed his skills under the tutelage of chassis specialist Thomas "Butch" Shea and has been the Pro Stock driver to beat at Riverside Park for three years running. Despite being the top gun in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock Division in 1998, Carroll says the toughest part of winning the Regional Championship was winning the track championship first. "Without the track championship," says Carroll, "I would not have qualified for tier number one in the regional standings." Carroll won the 1998 track title by only two points over runner-up Todd Owen of Somers, Connecticut.

"I'm very proud to have Eddy (Carroll III) accept this award in Nashville," says Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "His accomplishments are a tribute to the level of competition here at the park."

Carroll also feels that drivers in the Northeast are faced with additional challenges at their local tracks. "The Northern tracks use a handicap system where the points leader usually starts in the rear of the field," says Carroll, "making it difficult to have consistent top five finishes." Carroll had 12 top five finishes in 19 starts this season.

The NASCAR Winston Shorttrack Series was started in 1998 to increase the recognition of more drivers at local NASCAR sanctioned tracks across the country. Similar to the NASCAR Winston Racing Series, drivers' performances are measured on an index and ranked against other drivers on a regional basis. The NASCAR Winston Racing Series ranks the drivers in each track's premier division, while the Winston Shorttrack Series recognizes each track's second division.

Carroll, and the rest of the Pro Stock field at Riverside Park, will return to action on October 31st and November 1st for the Enfield Pontiac 400. Pro Stocks will run 75 laps on November 1st, along with 100 laps for the "Tour Type" Modifieds, 75 laps for the SK Modifieds and five other divisions of racing. Qualifying for all eight divisions takes place on Saturday, October 31st.

Kent Servis' column, "Outdoors New England," is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS...

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Jr. Women Help Out At Jr. High Soccer



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Junior Women's Club manned the concession stand at a recent soccer game at the Junior High. IN LEFT PHOTO: Mary O'Connell, Sue Godfrey, Eva Jack, Christine Jack, Wilma Gillan, Stephanie Bertagnoli, and Laurie Snow. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Don Berthiaume sold sweatshirts for the Junior High band. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Catholic University Remains In 1st Place In Tri-Parish Bowling

On Monday, October 5th, Catholic University managed to hold onto first place in the Tri-Parish Bowling League with a 11.5-4.5 record, followed closely by St. Michael's 10-6 and Fordham's 9-7.

In the middle of the pack, a four-way tie (at 8-8) involved St. Louis, Notre Dame, Boston College, and St. Mary's. Holy Cross wound up with a 7-9 record, and St. Anselm's (6.5-9.5) and Georgetown (6-10) continued to bring up the "rear" of the league. (However, it must be said that St. A's should have been somewhat happy on this particular night, since they ended up in ninth place rather than "dead last" like they did the week before.)

Although Catholic U. is currently the league leader, they didn't particularly shine on this night, as they managed only a 2-2 split with Boston College. Meanwhile, Georgetown and Fordham split the evening at 2-2, too.

St. Mary was 3-1 versus Notre Dame, and St. Anselm's dominated Holy Cross by the same score, 3-1. And, 3-1 (are you experiencing a sense of déjà vu here?) was the result of St. Louis' victory over St. Michael's.

With a 175 single string and a 409 triple string, GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS led the men in high scoring on October 5th. Other "macho men" on the lanes were BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY (144 single, 387 triple), "Richy" RICH SNYDER (148, 362), "Burly" BILL BURLINGHAM (118, 342), "Scary" LARRY VIENS (123, 338), and FRANK "The Tank" CERPOVICZ (134, 327).

The ladies managed to impress, too, with "Tes-ty" BETSY CANNON outrolling all the gals with a 127 single string and a 359 triple string. "The Mighty" DEBBIE POIRIER (124 single, 318 triple) had to settle with being the second-best "alley girl" on this particular evening, and her fellow "lofty ladies of the lanes" included "Jumpin'" JAN FULLER (120, 316), BARBARA "Barb Wire" HOWARD (124, 314), CORI "The Corker" NAPOLITAN (109, 305), and "Terrific" TERRY DION (108, 289).

Master Hwang's Golf Classic To Be Held Fri., October 16th

On Friday, October 16th, the third annual Master Hwang's Golf Classic will be held at the Elmcrest Country Club in East Longmeadow.

Featuring 18 holes of golf, lunch, carts, and dinner, this event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts.

The classic will offer hole-in-one prizes and raffles, including a chance to win a 1998 Buick Century from Houser Buick.

A barbecue will begin the festivities from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the competition (with a shotgun scramble format) is set to take place at 11:30 a.m. The dinner has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

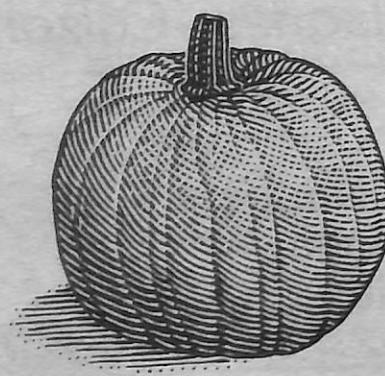
What's more, a Tae Kwon-Do demonstration will take place at 6:00 p.m., featuring the Junior Tae Kwon-Do Team and Agawam Black Belts.

The founder and chairman of this tournament is Ray Shugart of Hwang's School of Tae Kwon-Do of Agawam. For last-minute information on how you can participate in this event and help a worthy cause, call Shugart at 786-4158 or Steve Cotela at Elmcrest Country Club at (413) 525-8444.

Berkshire Power Holds Fourth Golf Tourney



ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, Berkshire Power held its fourth annual Golf Tournament at Agawam Country Club. The proceeds from this event will be used for the benefit of Agawam High School athletics. IN TOP PHOTO: Frank Basile (far left), Project Manager of Berkshire Power, with the tournament's mixed division winners: Tom Roberts, Donna Roberts, Linda Hadden, and Bob Hadden. IN PHOTO BELOW: Basile with the open division winners: Bill Slieth, Doug Stacy, Mark Pfau, and Don Gallerani. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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IN LEFT PHOTO: Pam Culver, Mary Thomas, Karen Schroeder, and Maureen Jochim at the raffle ticket table. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jack O'Neill, Public Relations Director for The Electric Company; Don Gallerani, the "closest to the line" winner; Al Sapelli, the "closest to the pin" winner; and Frank Basile, Berkshire Power Project Manager. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



KATHY MCSWEENEY (center), Agawam High's Athletic Director, with Jack O'Neill (left), Public Relations Director for The Electric Company, and Berkshire Power Project Manager Frank Basile. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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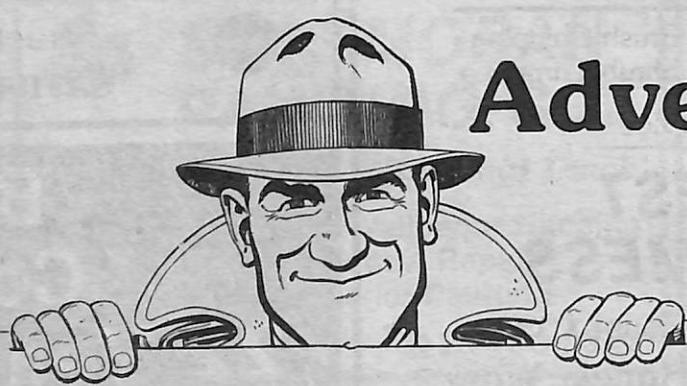
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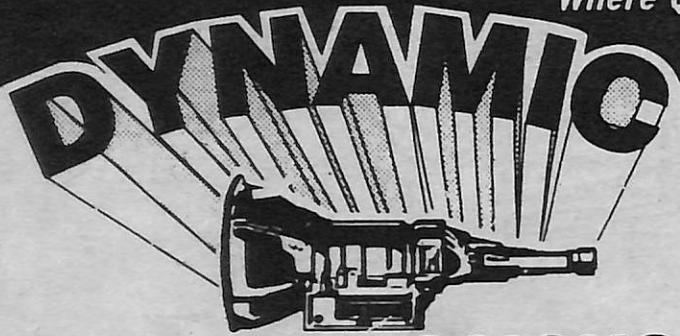
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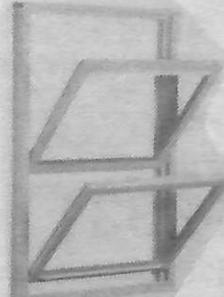
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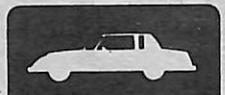
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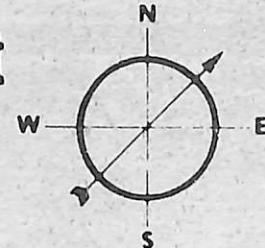
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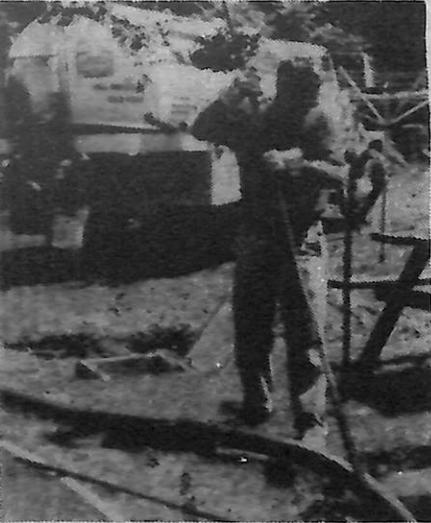
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